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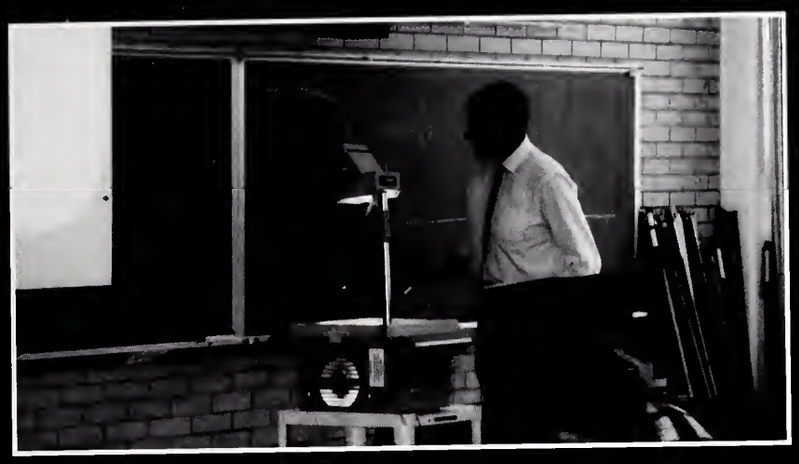
There will be events that surprise us, that will constrain what the story can be. We will have more impact on how the story unfolds than most organizations because we can be appropriately described as an intentional community. We are an intentional community in that we are self-conscious about how we live together and work together. At Bethel, it is an orienting understanding that authentic discipleship is not a matter for a government to choose, or a church to choose, or even for a family to choose--it is an intensely personal matter. Ours is a community that, at its best, invites, not forces, but invites each of us to confront authentic personal discipleship through dialogue and discussion, deliberation and disagreement.

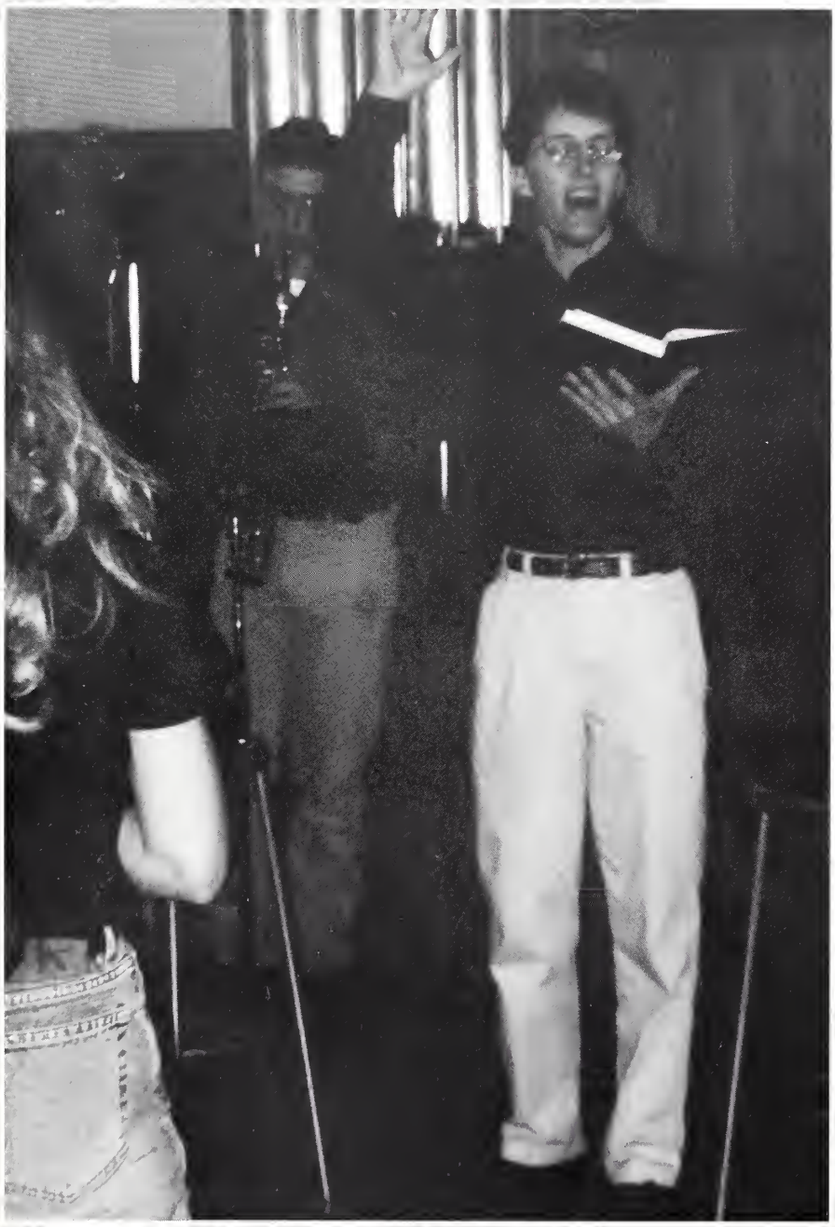
Vhile the culture around us becomes less and less interested in giving time and energy to others, in this college we have an opportunity to live out an ethic of service through a host of small commit-



nents. An ethic of service, one that permeates institutions and ersons, moves beyond a view of service as something you do or a period in your life, to viewing service as a way of living, a vay of being. One of Bethel's distinctive strengths over the years has been its aggressive way of engaging the vexing, frustrating, consuming worlds of gray areas, cultural relativity, and doubt.

President Douglas Penner
"A School Year Shaped by Intention"
September 4, 1996

At Bethel, we are asked to be open. Open to new opportunities and experiences. Open to a wide array of religious thought. Open to many cultures and ethnic backgrounds. Bethel greets us with openness upon our first arrival. Soon we find ourselves embracing it with our own thoughts, our changing perspectives and our developing worldviews. This is why upon coming to Bethel, for any reason, you will undoubtedly find yourself



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Top left Jesse broadcasts on location. *(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)*

Top right Peace Club's booth manned by AJ and Margaret. *(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)*

Bottom Tammy Sawatzky and Heather Troyer mind the Clio booth while Ha Chau breezes through the history quiz. *(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)*

Fall Fest 1996: A Success

Over 9,000 people attended the 26th annual Fall Festival which took place October 11, 12, and 13, 1996. This Bethel- sponsored event provided a slew of entertainment for the young, the old, and everyone in between. Students participated not only as spectators and consumers, but also as vendors for various Bethel organizations and clubs which had booths at the festival. A variety of booths offered selections such as food, crafts, and exhibitions. Sophomore Ha Chau said, "Fall Fest is important because it brings the community together to experience our culture and our environment."

"Though I believe those who claimed this production rivalled the Broadway touring show may have overstated the issue, I do think the combination of talent, commitment, and hard work among the cast members made 'Joseph' an exceptional show. The actors worked extremely well together. They seemed to enjoy every minute of the performance, and that kind of energy is infectious. The audiences couldn't help but enjoy themselves." *--Dr. John McCabe-Juhnke, Director*

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

One More Angel in Heaven?
Jacob's sons tell him that Joseph was killed by a goat. Jacob was played by Senior Kerry Saner who said, "My favorite part of 'Joseph' was getting into the character of an old man and acting like I had Parkinson's Disease." *(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)*

Reuben and Jacob
Senior Allen Krehbiel played Reuben who initially lied to Jacob, saying that Joseph had been killed. Krehbiel said, "It was a blast. We spent a lot of time working on it but it didn't seem like it because the cast was just so great." *(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)*

Jealousy
The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat brought about jealousy from Joseph's brothers, who threw him in a well. Joseph was played by Sophomore Jim Ostlund who said, "'Joseph' was a great ensemble to work with. There was a great variety of music and the cast worked very well together." *(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)*

Captured!!!
As Joseph is captured and imprisoned, narrators Brooke Kennell, Sophomore; Dianna Peters, Senior; and Sydney Stigge, Junior, tell him to not give up hope. *(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)*

The Benjamin Calypso
Jacob's sons protest for their brother Benjamin's freedom from the Egyptian government and Joseph. *(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)*

Oooohhh...Those darn royal women!!!
Potipher's wife, played by Senior Katrina Toews, tries to seduce Joseph to no avail. *(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)*

Practice Makes Perfect...
Practice paid off for the cast and crew of "Joseph." All four performances were sold out and even the dress rehearsal performance was full. Critic Daniel Macias wrote in "The Bethel Collegian," "This is a performance Bethel College will remember for a long time." *(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)*

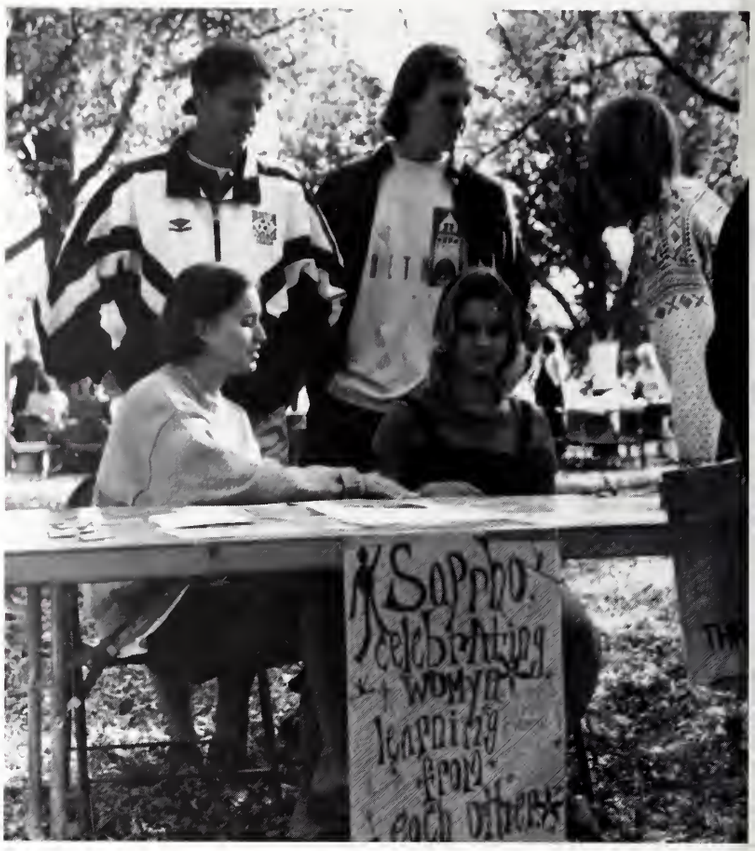
Have mercy!
Jacob's sons beg an Egyptian official for food to help alleviate a famine not knowing the official is their own brother, Joseph. *(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)*

Commanding attention
Senior Matt Pankratz captured the eyes and ears of all as he played the King of Egypt in the musical. "I really loved playing the king," Pankratz said. "I got to be fat and wear a big cape." *(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)*

Fundraising AT Fall Fest

Each year, clubs and organizations are given the opportunity to have a booth at Fall Fest. The club is given a set amount of money--about $20--to help with costs. Many clubs sell products related to their causes, then apply the earned income to projects later in the year. Be aware of those booths which may put you on the spot and ask you to take a quiz (Clio)!

SAPPHO'S CELEBRATION
Sappho, an organization celebrating womyn, sold a variety of art work and daily planners. The club then used the funds for other projects, such as their convocation presentation. *(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)*

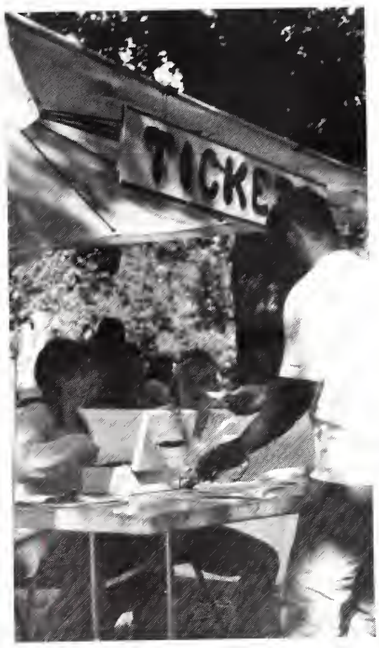


POTTERY FOR SALE
Sophomore Doug Boudreau sells pottery made by Art Students. This booth was a hit! *(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)*

DON'T FORGET THE FOOD!!!
The variety of ethnic foods offered at Fall Fest distinguishes it as one of the best festivals in the region. Search for Russian Pancakes, Bratwurst, Verinike, and Curry. *(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)*

HIGH ON LIFE
Young'uns ride a carousel in the Children's Park. *(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)*

COME-N-GET'EM
Ticket sales to the Children's Park doubled, this year. In fact, the success of the park this year prompted the addition of several other children's events in the future.
(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)



Forever young...

Fall Fest showed it's dedication to broadening it's appeal to the young by gaining the sponsorship of various businesses in Newton. The extra money provided for moon walks, a children's art exhibit, a puppet reinactment of "Sleeping Beauty," and kids cooking. Judy Reimer, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Alumni Relations, said these efforts brought more children to Fall Fest than ever before..*(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)*

SHOW YOUR SPUNK!!!
Spunky's Klown Kollege for Kids sent many youngsters away with degrees in face painting and balloon sculpturing. When you've got credentials like that, who needs correct spelling? *(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)*

Pepsi's Latest Commercial Lolem Ngong understands the policy of "service with a smile." *(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)*

Come 'n get some...Blood Pressure?
The Nursing Department sponsored a booth at Fall Fest where people could check up on their Blood Pressure, right after eating a nice, salty Bratwurst. *(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)*

Arm Wrestling?
Kerry Saner and Julie Hart run the Conflict Management Booth.
(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)

The Precious Duo
Eric Schrag and Ethan King selling subscriptions to *The Bethel Collegian*. They proudly display the fruits of their labor.
(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)

n International Experience at home
alwasha Kakar decorates Willmar
arder's hand with Henna, a thick dye
sed for celebrations in many Muslim
ountries. *(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)*

German Foods provide a taste of home
The Verenike Booth is one of the most consistently popular booths at Fall Fest. The German food is offered as a cultural experience from those with German ancestry. *(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)*

What changes should be made forFall Fest?

The planning of Fall Fest is no small task. This annual event which brings thousands of people form all around the country to Bethel's campus is one of the primary times recruits come to campus. This event is important because it brings such a wide variety of people ot the campus. So, it is important to cater to the desires of the entire community.

Still, to some, it seems that Fall Fest is more for visitors than for the Bethel community. Students who work hard to make booths successful have a hard time seeing everything they want to see. Many of the activities are geared to older or younger crowds, leaving little room for Bethel students to enjoy the festival, even if they were not overcommited. Sophomore Ethan King concurs with this idea, "I would like to see more games and entertainment catered to college and high school students. It used to be more fun when I was a kid because of all the games."

Also, the timing of Fall Fest is important. After all, intercollegiate activities don't stop just because Fall Fest is happening. Some athletes missed the majority of the events this year because competitions were happening at the same time as Fall Fest events.

Freshman Erica Coulter, a member of the women's soccer team, said, "I would like it so that people who are playing sports could also enjoy Fall Fest. Those who played sports this year missed the majority of Fall Fest. My hope is that, in the future, Fall Fest events which students are interested in can be planned around other activities which demand our time."

Poetry by Raylene
Raylene Hinz-Penner entertained audiences by reading some of her own poetry. *(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)*

Movin' to the Groove
Lindsborg Folkdanslag entertained audiences with a variety of dances at Centennial Plaza. *(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)*

Christmas at Bethel is remarkable...Winter Frolic, Lighting of the Green, and many other events make it memorable.

Christmas 1996

Christmas this year was marked by several special events. Christmas Festival was held in Memorial Hall, December 5-7. Events at the annual dinner included performances by the Bethel Sinfonia, Sinfonia Winds, Bethel Concert Choir and the Women's Ensemble. Winter Frolic, the annual dance, was held following the student dinner on December 6. On December 15, many members of the Bethel community gathered for the annual Lighting of the Green and singing of carols.

'Tis the season for smiles. Hoping for a great night Christmas Fest and Winter Frolic, Ruth, Allison, and Cathy are all aglow.

(Photo by Allison Langston)

Couples only. Katie Dick, Darin Driscoll, Maurice Moore, and Tammy Elsen show off their duds before the big night.

(Photo by Allison Langston)

Glowing faces and glimmering paths. Christmas this year was celebrated with a bit of snow. Just as all were preparing for the dinner and dance, by dawning their best spaghetti stringed formals, a light snow accumulated outside.

(Photos by Allison Langston)

FUN CYCLIN' on the green. SAB sponsored funcycles for all...Well, almost all. A weight limit left some fun-pursuing-people out. *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

FIRE UP THE BAR-B Bethel students are comin' in. Marriott took it outside for a scrumptious bar-ecue. The weather cooperated fully. *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

Annual Spring Fling proves to be fun and relaxing for Bethel

The Bethel College student body enjoyed a week of competition and relaxation at this year's annual Spring Fling, April 14-19, sponsored by the Student Activities Board (SAB). This year's Spring Fling theme was Jungle Jam.

"Spring Fling is a great way for students to bond and it's great fun because there are lots of activities. Hopefully, everybody had the chance to take a break and participate," said Krista Voth, chair of SAB.

On the first two nights, the events took place in the cafeteria at Schultz Student Center. On Monday, Marriott served Banana Splits. Tuesday night was the game, "Blizzard of Bucks."

Twelve contestants were chosen randomly and had to play unusual games like stuffing balloons in a pair of clown pants and walking with a stack of plates and bowls in one hand. "Hammer dancing with 22 balloons in clown's pants was difficult butproved rewarding," said Neil Hammill, a sophomore who won $40 and a T-shirt for taking second place.

Sarah Forrest, a sophomore, took first prize. She stood for one minute in a booth that shot a large bundle of cash in the air. Forrest captured about $100.

Wednesday afternoon, students rode Fun Cycles. Thursday night was for skating at Starlight Skate Center in Newton.

After the Barbecue on Friday evening, the SAB held new events to the Spring Fling line-up: Interclass games. The first were the intellectual events: Noggin' Floggin' followed by Password. Noggin' Floggin' was a showcase for the seniors who answered 23 out of the 60 questions. Password was a closer match. The sophomores won by a margin of only two points over the juniors. "It turned out to be a lot of fun," said Andrea Yoder, a sophomore who answered the winning question.

Saturdays intercollegiate athletic games starred the seniors in softball, freshmen in tug of war, and juniors in Ultimate.

The Saturday evening dance ended a "well-rounded week for students," said Jill Schmidt, sophomore. Voth agreed. "It's a good chance for students to have fun before buckling down for finals," she said.

FREE T-SHIRTS for all in attendance of the barbecue. SAB's generosity sometimes just won't quit.
(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)

AARON HEADS HOME in a fun-cycle race. Aaron Christopher beat Chris Miller and Roy Cornett in a friendly challenge. *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

COMRADERYis what Spring Fling is all about, insists SAB chair Krista Voth. While Voth looks forward to fulfilling a less demanding role next year, she says, "I had fun working with SAB members to put this together." *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

"Living in Goering Hall was like living in the pit of hell. But I figure I'll go back next year, anyhow." -Cory Lamb

RESIDENCE LIFE

Academics...schmacademics...
Nightly Scrabble gatherings often took priority over homework for many stressed out Bethel students. Goering Hall was sometimes the very place needed to escape the rigor of academia.
(Photo by David Wilson)

BEFORE
Freshman Cory Lamb caught in the midst of his daily routine, which often involved showing off his legs for the benefit of other Goering Hall residents.
(Photo by David Wilson)

AND AFTER
Who wouldn't want a body like that? Yes, it is true that Cory occasionally wears clothing.
(Photo by David Wilson)

The first taste of dom life
A pint-sized Yoder gets her first experiences of residence life early. Her dad is Mark Yoder, Resident Director of Warkentin Court.
(Photo by Celina Wilson)

Airing his dirty laundry
Kirk Boster spends a Saturday morning learning valuable skills and missing his mom.

(Photo by Dave Wilson)

On the phone again...
They say it's a girl's best friend. Well, Jessi proved that theory true....

(Photo by Jen Stoll)

Her too...
Margaret is but four doors down the hall from Jessi and talks with her over the telephone, happily.

(Photo by Jen Stoll)

Sisters
Lolem and Aisatou together in their very neat and tidy room on New Second of Haury Hall.

(Photo by Allison Langston)

What's your function?
The women of Haury Hall decorated Valentines cookies for Kidron Bethel residents.

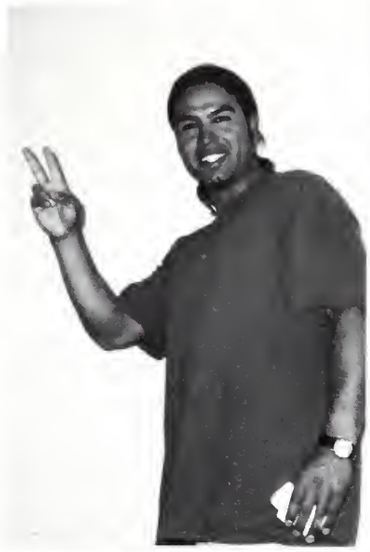
(Photo by Kenna Graber)

Residence Life

The fun, the tribulations, the run-ins with the RD...

OFF CAMPUS AND SHOWING OFF
Bridget Grant, Mark Lamb, and Gwen Yoder having fun at Welty House.
(Photo by Angela Roberts)

PEACE FROM JUAN
Juan Aguirre poses for his final photo session of the evening at the famed studio in Goering Hall.
(Photo by Dave Wilson)



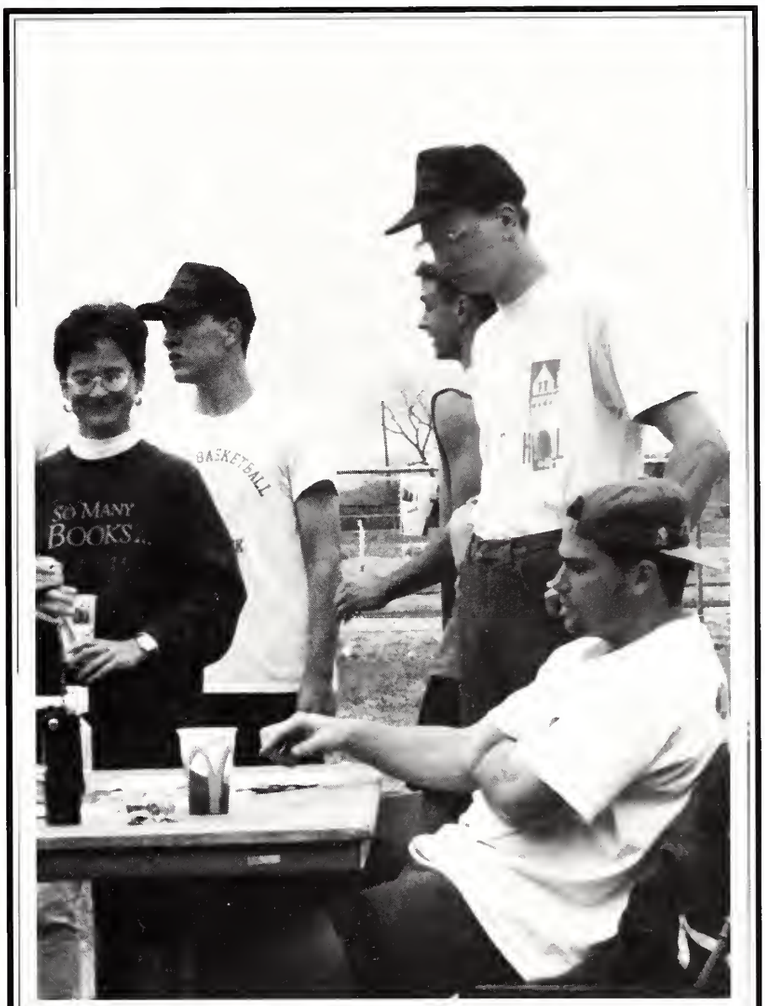
SURPRISE!!!
Fully comprehending the idea of giving up a bit of the right to privacy by living in the dorm, Chad Childs is caught in the midst of his morning ritual.
(Photo by A. Dave Wilson)

THE IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE
Advanced Dungeons & Dragons being played during bonding time at the guys' dorm. *(Photo by Dave Wilson)*

3 ON 3 BASKETBALL AT GOERING
Residence Life sponsored the three-on-three tournament held outside of Goering. Winners received Championship tee shirts.
(Photo by Dave Wilson)

LAXIN' ON THE DECK
What better way to spend a warm afternoon than on a deck in Warkentine Court? Miwa Ohira & friends know the answer.
(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)

XCERCISE BIKING
reshman Jacob Larson tries to improve on the established indoor bike. Unfortutely, his couch suffered.
(Photo by Dave Wilson)



CINDY BACHOFER, coordinator of Residence Life, hangs out with the Goering guys during the three-on-three tournament.
(Photo by Dave Wilson)

Fine Dining AT Marriott

It's one thing every Bethel College student and most faculty and staff members have in common: food service at Marriott. From the popular cheese enchiladas to what some call "tuberculosis chili," the Marriott experience will not be soon forgotten. For, it is at this place where we can relax and enjoy the sides of one another hidden in classrooms.

KEEP THOSE CARDS READY!
Dave Andrew, always the prepared on knows the rules and regulations of enjo ing the privileges of the dining hall. Wit out your card, you don't eat!
(Photo by Katelyn Hube

DINNER OUTDOORS
Dan & Dan enjoy the wonders of nature on Centennial Plaza because Marriott took it outside for a welcome change of scenery.
(Photo by Jen Stoll)

THE FUN NEVER STOPS
Whether inside or out, students surveyed said they enjoyed eating at Marrriott for the opportunity to socialize with their friends and take a break from classes.
(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)

PICTURE PERFECT
It is rumored that at this lunch table, Duane frequently takes part in bribery to avoid public humiliation. Dr. Friesen.. Whatever for???
(Photo taken by Katelyn Hubert, who generously declined the $50 offered to her for the good of the yearbook.)

HAPPY EATING
Professors get their kicks from Marriott, too. Jim Juhnke enjoys his food.
(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)

ROYAL TREATMENT
Let us not forget the special meals served to us by Marriott. Forgetting the normal line, buffet was set up for special occasions such as a pre-Thanksgiving dinner and Easter dinner. *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

Eat it up!

Marriott hosted and served a special Barbecue in honor of the seniors, during the last week of classes. The hamburger entree was enjoyed by most and the brownies and fresh fruit could not be passed up. Senior Koji Hayakawa enjoyed his meal although the skies were overcast and final exams were gaining eminence in all students' minds.

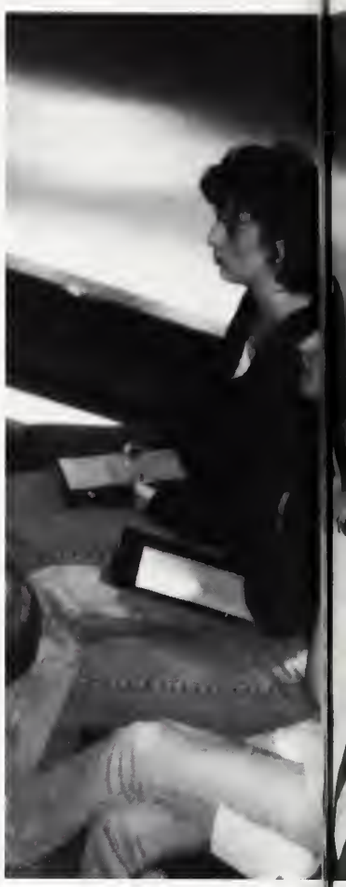
(Photo by Jen Stoll)

BETHEL. . .THE PLACE OF GOD

A place for community worship

PERFORMANCE IN PROGRESS
Matt Pankratz and Susan Gaeddert perform a dramatic reading. *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*

A CHORUS...
(Bottom) Singing at times throughout the chapel service helps unite the Bethel community.
(Photo by Jen Stoll)

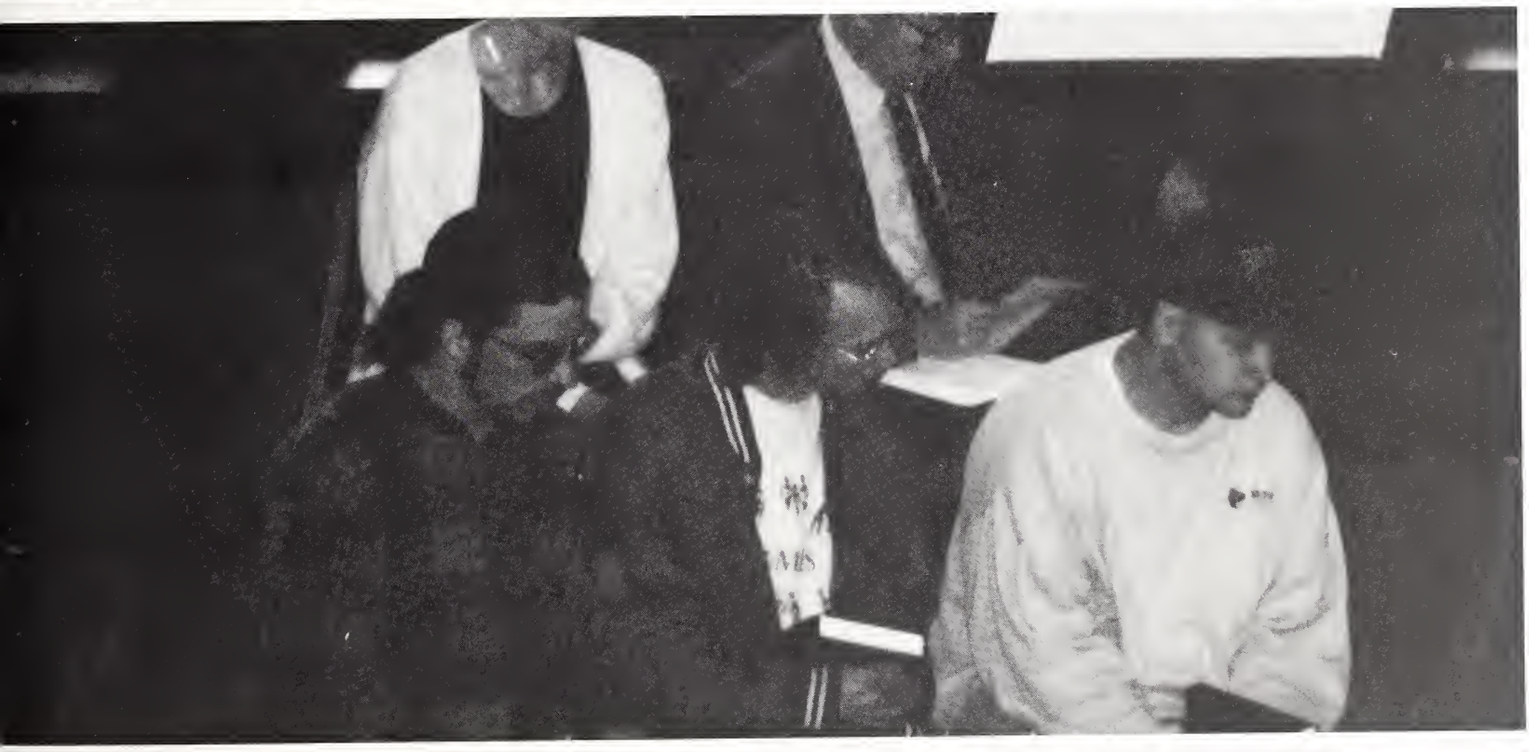


A DIVERSE EXPERIENCE

When Chapel planners Dale Schrag, Director of Marketing and Church Relations, and Randy Smith, Campus Pastor, sit down to plan Chapel weekly, they are intent on includin as much of the Bethel community as possible, without sacrificing the intimacy of the experience. In order to do that, weekly, they take a multi-faceted approach to planning. The include a variety of music, dramatic performances, personal reflections and a myriad of other activities. Schrag and Smith also make a conscious effort to invite people, who hav never been to chapel, to take part in the services.

THE EXPERIENCE IS PERVASIVE
Chapel is designed to include not only students, but also faculty and staff. Here, members of the administration, faculty, and students worship together. *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*

THESE FACULTY MEMBERS SING?!
Professors attending Chapel actively take part in the service, by singing, providing reflections, and performing. *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*



AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE

I think [chapel] is a variety of experiences and ways of worshiping which makes it very interesting. It's a highly motivated group which takes part in Chapel. The music is phenomenal. 'hat's why I go every week." Tom Taylor, a junior, made it a habit to attend Chapel every Wednesday morning at eleven. Daniel Macias, a junior who has been to chapel only wice, agrees with Taylor. "It seemed like the entire school gathering together to celebrate the joy of Christmas through this wonderful piece of music. It was something I had never een before. That was really interesting."

Wynn Goering

As students gathered twice weekly in Krehbiel Auditorium to hear a myriad of speeches and presenters, one person was almost always there to offer bits of wisdom, if only in the speakers' introduction. Wynn Goering, academic dean, is listed as the instructor for Convocation. In addition to introducing speakers at Convo, Goering gave two presentations, himself. The first was the traditional opening of the year address offered by the academic dean. The second, however, was an analysis of *The Brothers Karamazov* by Fyodor Dostoevsky, in which Goering drew comparisons between works of fiction and other artistic ventures.

Junior Eric Schrag recognized Goering's importance to Bethel: "I never got to know Wynn Goering personally, but the times when he spoke in Convo made it clear that he was an incredible scholar. His presentations were always very entertaining and informative."

So, when it was announced in late April that Goering would be leaving Bethel, many were shocked. Goering began his position as academic dean in 1991 after serving as an English professor and registrar. "His gifts in each of those roles have been clear, and we will miss them." said Doug Penner, Bethel President.

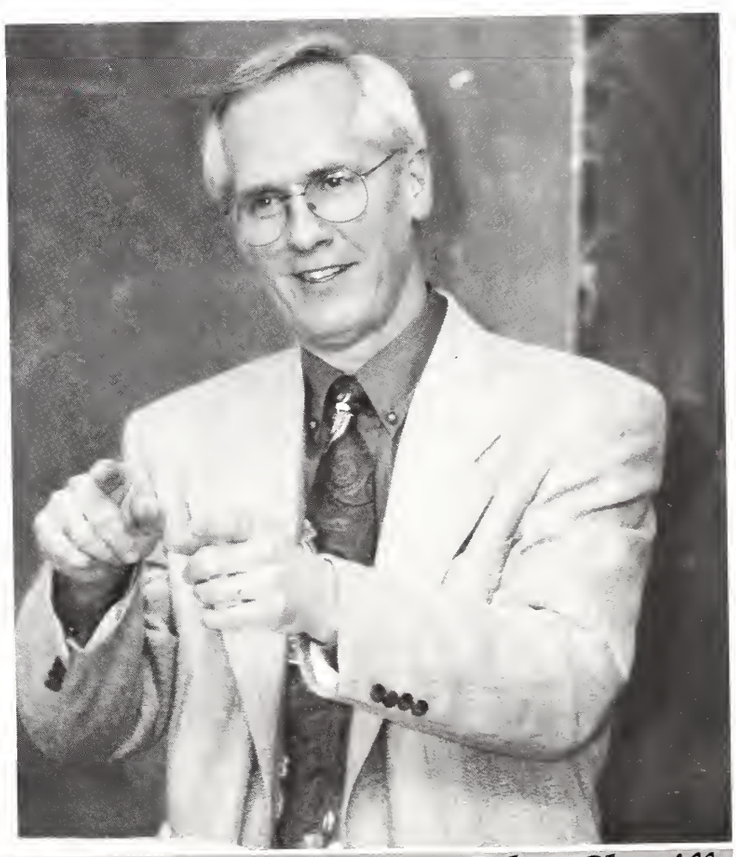
For the time being, Professor of English John Sheriff will assume the role of interim academic dean. "I was asked by the president to fill in for a year. The hope is that I will serve for one year. I have every expectation to asssume duties as a professor, at that time," said Sheriff.

A new era of Bethel Academics is about to begin

Bethel is at a critical time, right now. Strategic planning committees began heir work this year which demands a tremendous amount of input and response rom the academic dean. Also, the North Central Accreditation commission plans site visit to Bethel next year. Therefore, Sheriff must conduct a self-study of Bethel College. "There are several other items on the agenda," Sheriff said. "I an't be a 'look-after-the-office dean.' My job is to rally the staff and the student ody to get these things done."

According to his credentials, Sheriff is up to the task. He has taught at Bethel ince 1967, serving on the Educational Policies Committee, Faculty Welfare Committee, Scholarships and Financial Aid Committee, Strategic Planning Task Force and has been the faculty chair twice. "With his institutional history and his ole as a member of the Strategic Planning Task Force, he is eminently qualified to direct our academic programs, providing stability and continuity in the year ahead," aid Penner.

The search for a new academic dean begins in the autumn of 1997. In the mean ime, Sheriff began his job as academic dean on July 1, 1997. The ransition from professor to administrator has been cushioned for Sheriff, thanks to the assistance he received from several sources. "I appreciate the kind of support that I got from Wynn and I appreciate the continuation of Marla Krell, assistant to the academic dean, and Rod Frey, registrar," he commented. "I find it very comfortable to work with the administration that's in place. I look forward to the year ahead."



John Sheriff

Get your supplies here.

Bookstore

(photo by Jen Stoll)

BARBARA AT THE REGISTER

Many students can use the money they receive from financial aid to pay for books, supplies, gifts, etc. The students fill out a book voucher from the business office which is filed at the bookstore for the amount request. This method has proven to be useful for students who need supplies five minutes before class and have no money. Barbara Wedel is one of the friendly clerks who can assist customers in need of help or consultance. *(photo by Jen Stoll)*

Let's make a movie.

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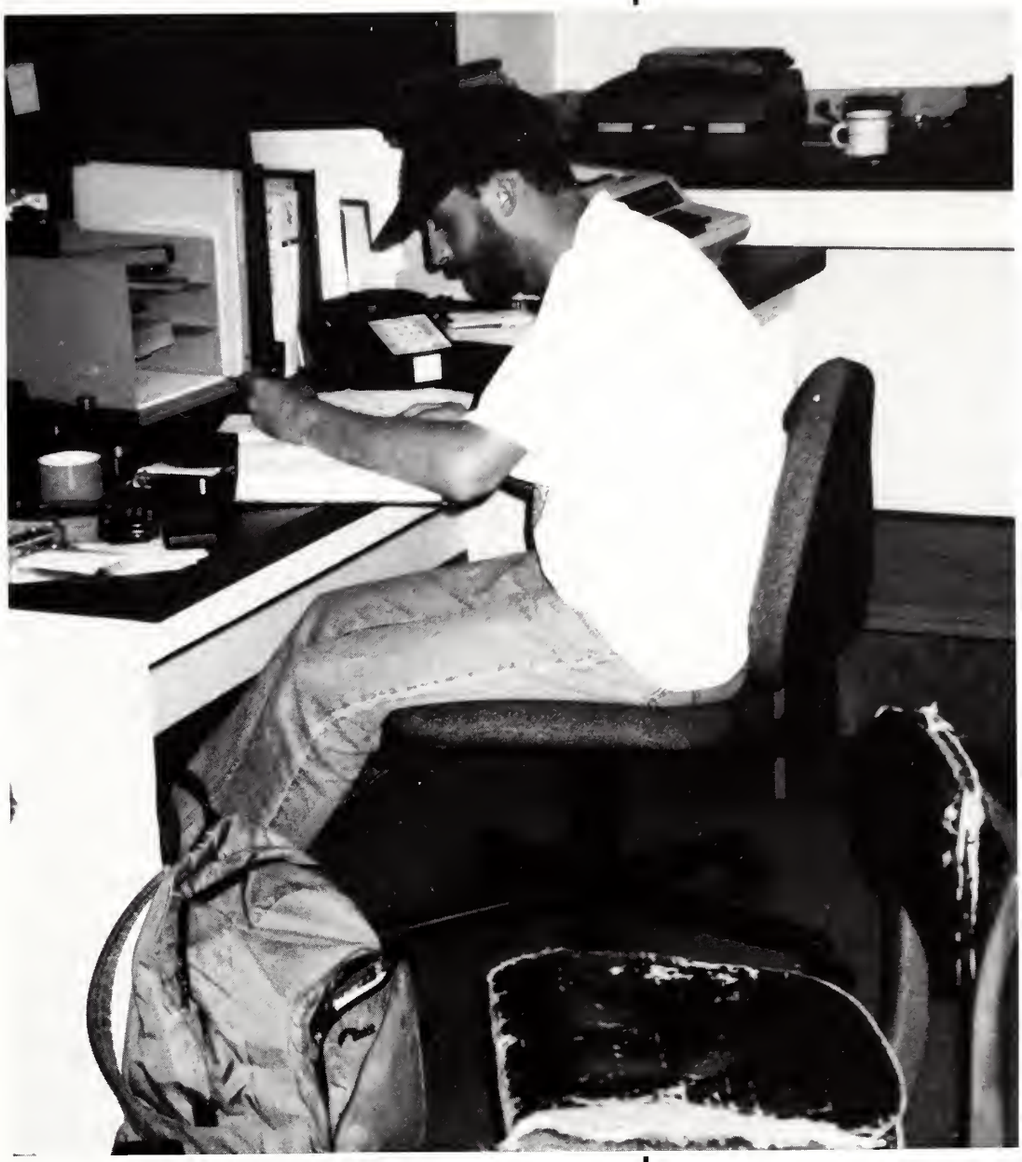


ANOTHER DAY...

Johnathan Ewert kills some time by reading for one of his classes. At his work study job, John helps with the checking out of AV materials such as VCR's, camcorders, computers, etc. for various classes and activities. Don't work too hard, John. *(photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

Sophocles'

Antigone

Opening Scene
Ismene (Heather Troyer) tries to convince Antigone (Susan Gaeddert) not to bury their brother.
(Photo by Jen Stoll)

The Prophet
Teiresias, played by Jessica Riffee, is the blind foreseer who warns Creon about his future. *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*

The Elders of Thebes
The Chorus, in this performance, consists of only seven people rather than the original 15. Director Travis Malone gave each member of the Chorus individual identities which parted from the traditional interpretation of the chorus as one group, one line, one voice. *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*

Bad News
Sarah Koehn, as the messenger, tells about the death of Haemon (Cory Lamb). Eurydice (Sharleen Loewen) listens in horror about her son's death. *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*

The Burial
Creon (Maurice Moore) listens to the soldier (Nicole Unruh) who finds the illegally buried body of Antigone's brother. *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*

"How far are we willing to go to preserve social or moral rights versus upholding the right of law?"--
Travis Malone

A cast of 17, along with a small stage crew, took on Sophocles' stunning *Antigone* for the fall drama of 1996. Freshman Susan Gaeddert played the title role, and senior Maurice Moore portrayed Creon, the obdurate ruler of Thebes. Director Travis Malone, instructor of theatre arts, designed the set with local scenic artist Albert Martinez, who has worked on many other plays at Bethel.

One aspect about Bethel's performance of Antigone that was different from more traditional performances concerned the chorus. It consisted of only seven members as opposed to the original 12 or 15. Also, they wore tuxedos and walked around the stage rather than back and forth. Even though each of the Elders of Thebes played a significant part of the play, no one sang.

(Story by Daniel Macias)

Party time!
The cast and crew party at the drama lab features pizza and pop. *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*

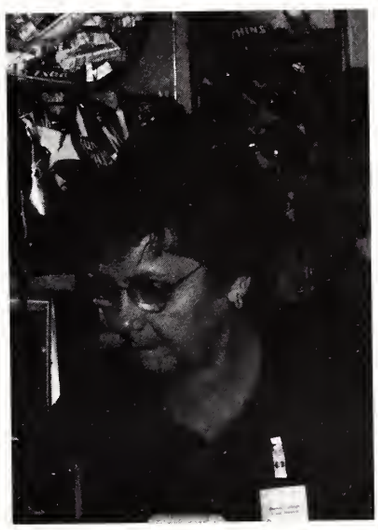
"I need eight down and four across."
Senior Marc Tucker works on a crossword puzzle while waiting for his order.
(photo by Jen Stoll)

"Man, am I beat!"
Joe Montano (left) and Anthony Valdez sit down after a long day of classes. This looks to be a very serious conversation.
(photo by Jen Stoll)

Bubbert's

What's for dinner, Lisa?
Lisa Koehn served the hungry Bethel students on weeknights from 5:30 p.m. until midnight. The evening menu included many weekly specials such as the waffle bar, fried foods week, shakes week, and breakfast at night, etc. *(photo by Jen Stoll)*

No time for study break
Shana Goering sits down at one of the booths to catch up on her studies. Many students took advantage of the booths as a place to finish their assignments.
(photo by Jen Stoll)



"May I help you?"
Pauline Bartley worked during breakfast and lunch. Lunch specials included soup bar, salad bar, shrimp basket, etc.
(photo by Jen Stoll)

Practice makes perfect

Elizabeth Harder practices organ for her upcoming lesson.

ne power of crazy clothes and a little face paint.

Clowning around campus

Interterm in Australia

On the move in Australia...

Top Left Libby Spencer, Holly Sweatt, and Keitha Malo enjoy the sun at the Open. *(Photo by Robin Tegethoff)*

Middle Left Robin Tegethoff after encountering the rec *(Photo provided by Robin Tegethoff)*

Bottom Left Winding down after a day of overbaking. *(Photo provided by Robin Tegethoff)*

Vertical Left Angela, Libby, and Susan starring as touri *(Photo by Robin Tegethoff)*

Vertical Right Adam looks on after a day in the sun. *(Photo by Robin Tegethoff)*

Bottom Right The Australian Open behind them and m courts ahead. *(Photo provided by Robin Tegethoff)*

Tennis Team Spectates at the Australian Open

The Bethel College tennis team took a trip to Australia and Hawaii over interterm. In the words of Freshman Robin Regethoff, "It was awesome!" Although the trip was open to those who did not participate in the tennis program at Bethel, the tour centered around tennis activities. Tennis Coach Marty Ward organized the trip which took the group to Australian sites such as Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, the Great Barrier Reef region, Cairns, and a tropical rainforest and Hawaiian destinations like Oahu and Honolulu. He said, "The purpose was to give Bethel students an opportunity to have a cross-cultural travel experience which was connected with tennis. My hope was that players could see how endeavors in tennis can help them interact with persons in new and different places." Junior Heather Farris believes this goal was accomplished. She said, "We established relationships with people, at the clubs where we played, that we never would have met without this trip."

The group spent five days watching matches at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia. They played on grass and clay courts at a club in Melbourne. The women's tennis team also played one of the top-ranked teams in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, BYU--Hawaii. Farris commented, upon defeating a member of the BYU team, "It was good to go somewhere else and win against a really good player but more than anything the trip really improved our relationships. The trip definitely built a stronger bond between the women's team and the men's team."

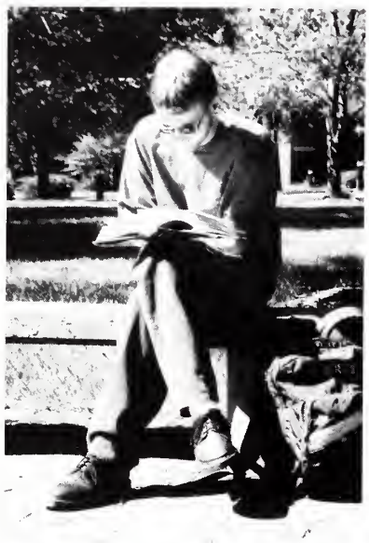
Sophomore Adam Holzworth most appreciated being able to "walk next to the people you see play on television" at the Australian Open. "This is the most secluded professional tournament. It was a privilege for us to be able to see it in person. Also," he said, "snorkeling at the Great Barrier Reef was incredible. It's not just snorkeling at your local lake. You will see tropical fish you aren't going to see anywhere else." *(Story by Jen Stoll)*

CenterPoint

The Green is the primary place for activity at Bethel

STUDYING STILL?
One student compromises her desire to take in some sun and her need to study by taking her work outside.
(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)

LAST MINUTE PREP
Jason Fox studies for an upcoming Sociology test on The Green. "It's a nice place to study because it's close to my class," he said. *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*



A PLACE TO FIND FRIENDS
If wondering where your friends are, look on The Green. Mitch, Alissa, and Sam chat on an early evening, after dinner.
(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)

GOOFINESS PRESIDES
Dave & Dave Kaufman demonstrate their true ability to be downright goofy. Winter or summer, these two appreciate their time on The Green. *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

HACKING THE NIGHT AWAY
Hacky sack is a popular way to spend time on The Green. Sam, Jason, and Grace show their stuff on a sunny afternoon.
(Photo by Celina Wilson)

A MEETING PLACE
Whether talking about the recently completed history paper or the food at Marriott, this is where many gather just to have some company. *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

ULTIMATE-LY
The newly chartered Ultimate Club kept frisbee action alive on The Green. Most evenings, students and even some faculty can be found playing this sport.
(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)

The Green is a historic and a cultural landmark for Bethel and the community

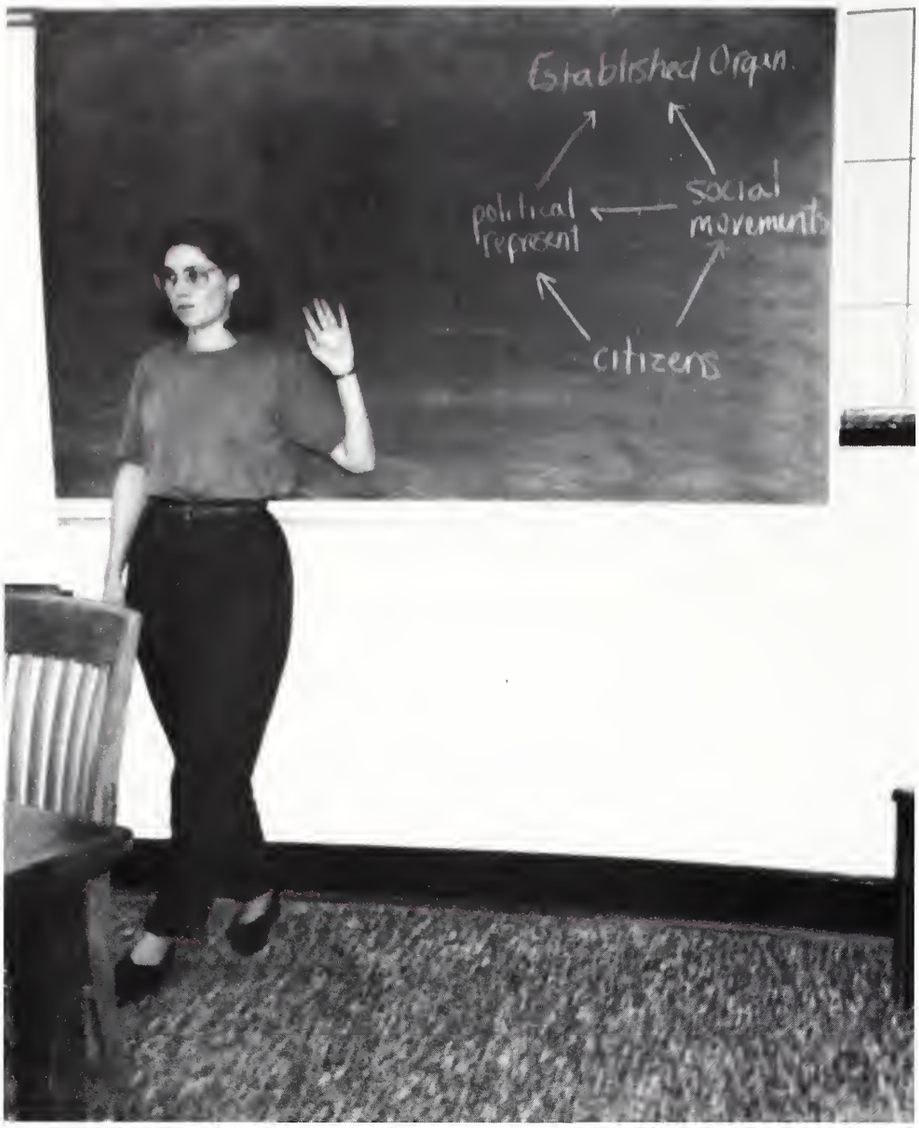
Take a walk around what is known as The Green at Bethel College. You'll run into some interesting people and some interesting facts. For instance, one stone marks the William Shakespeare Oak Tree, dedicated by the 1964 Shakespearean Comedy Class, commemorating Shakespeare's 400th birthday on April 25, 1564. Several other trees reside on The Green in memory of individuals associated with Bethel.

Also, next to the small knoll, there is a marker noting the historical significance of the Chisholm Trail which ran just by the knoll. This trail was followed by many cattle and people in the late nineteenth century to delivery beef to St. Louis.

In the center of The Green is a brick courtyard on which the fountain rests. It is here, that on early fall and late spring days many Bethel students take their lunch and study. Some have even been known to get a little wet playing in the fountain.

This grassy area we casually call The Green is actually the place where many friendships originated and many passions developed. It is a sacred area, really. A place where all are welcome. A place, literally and figuratively, the CenterPoint of Bethel.

Walking the walk



Julie Hart speaks of conflict management daily. But she does more than just talk about resolving problems.

Left Julie Hart, assistant professor of sociology, teaches International Conflict Management during the spring.

(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)

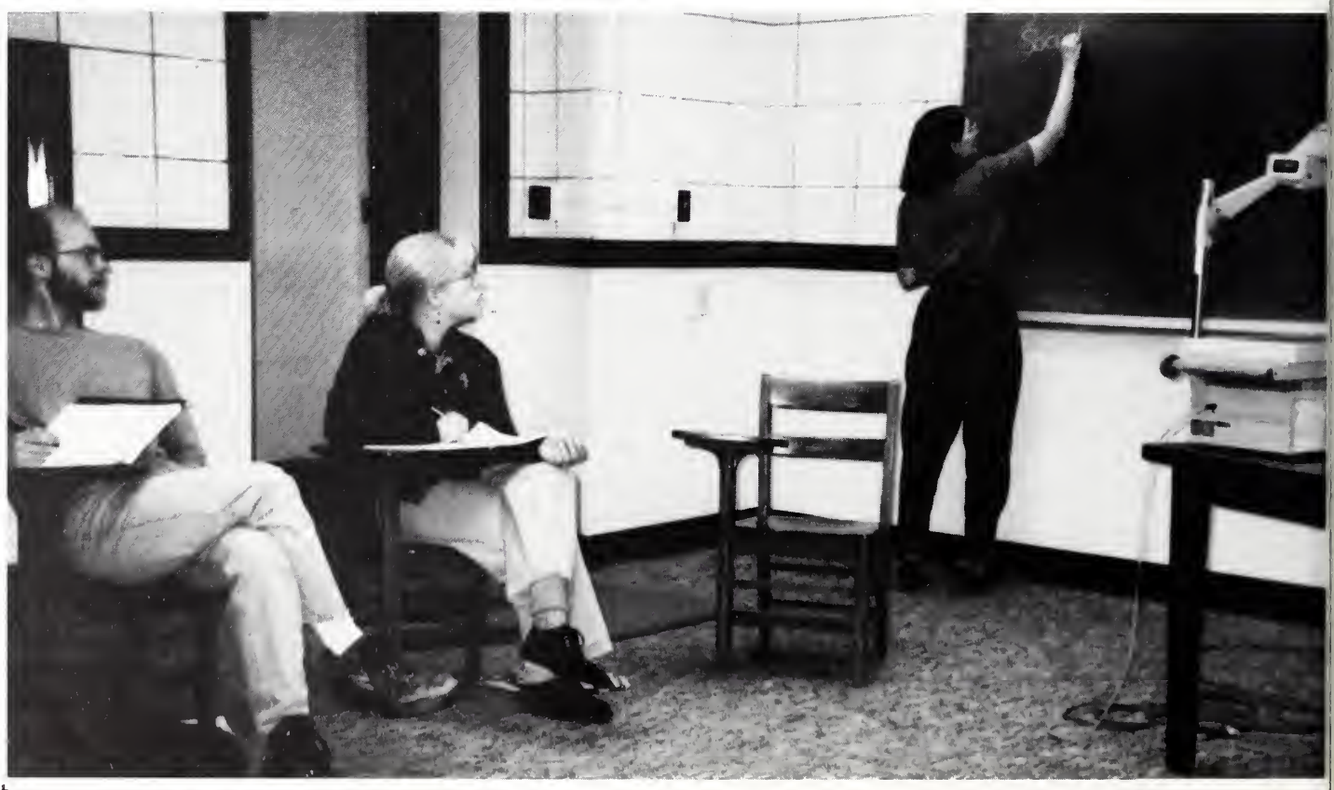
Below Hart is a valued professor, on campus. One student described her teaching style as "energetic. You can really tell that she has a vested interest in what she teaches."

(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)

Facing page Aside from her career as a professor, being a wife and a mother, Hart also gives of her valuable time to Christian Peacemakers Team. Through this organization, she is able to help in hotspots, worldwide.

(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)

An ethic of service



Julie Hart is helping to make a difference in the world. The Bethel College assistant rofessor of sociology is a member of the Christian Peacemakers Team (CPT), which rganizes peace missions in several troubled nations. The CPT is an "organized attempt to rovide non-violent, direct action in situations of violence and injustice around the globe," Iart said. The group was founded in 1989 by the Mennonite, Quaker and Brethren hurches.

The organization uses four different methods in trying to bring peace to violent ountries: negotiation between groups, human rights protection and reporting, public vitness and non-violent direct action.

Hart says the idea of these actions is to "draw attention to the injustice" of the ituations in particular nations.

The CPT has launched missions in five places: Bosnia, Chechnya, the Chiapas Mexico), Hebron (Israel), and Haiti. The organization has worked in the latter two places ontinuously since 1993.

Among those who have worked in Haiti was Hart. During the summer of 1996, she vas part of a CPT mission that spoke with both political leaders and peasants of Haiti to see f the CPT can take further action.

What they found was quite astonishing. The U.S. government allegedly took police locuments, which belong to Haiti, during the military coup. THe Haitian government and eople want the documents back.

The CPT took immediate action. They held demonstration and a news conference in the apital city of Haiti, Port-au-Prince. According to Iart, many people learned about the U.S. overnment's action because the news conference eceived excellent coverage.

The group's action did not stop there. The PT is currently inquiring about the documents hrough the U.S. Department of Justice.

Hart's involvement with Christian Peace-nakers Team continues. In January, she went to hicago to take part in the CPT program, which she escribes as, "intense training to deal with iolence, but non-violently." For now, Hart serves he CPT as a speaker and recruiter. She may find erself back out on the battleless field, when she will go to Hebron or back to Haiti in July of 1997.

The oldest method of finding the books needed to finish those grueling term papers is still the best. *(Photo by Ha Chau)*

Alissa Randa seems to be enjoying her American Literature book, which includes work from authors like Benjamin Franklin and Nathaniel Hawthorne.
(Photo by Jen Stoll)

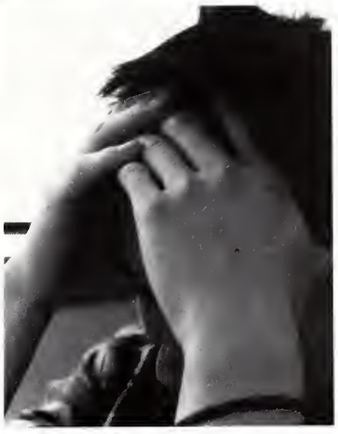
Didn't Brandon's mother teach him not to put his feet on the furniture?
(Photo by Jen Stoll)

Book checkout--Be sure to bring it back on time! *(Photo by Ha Chau)*

Scott Toerber finds himself hypnotized by a stack of Reader's Guides. *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*

HOW DO YOU LOOK WHEN YOU ARE DEEP IN THOUGHT?

The Many Thinking Gestures in Mantz Library



(Photos by Ha Chau)

"Oh, God, please let me pass." Scott Friesen feels some of the pressure of the upcoming finals week.

(Photo by Ha Chau)

Aisatou Ngong writes a paper at one of the many tables on the Library's main floor.

(Photo by Jen Stoll)

Do you not like reading those 20-page articles from the academic journals in the library, and hate carrying 700-page books into your overpacked bag? Then for only five cents a page, you can use this hi-tech copy machine to make your research materials much more portable. Just beware of those copyright laws.

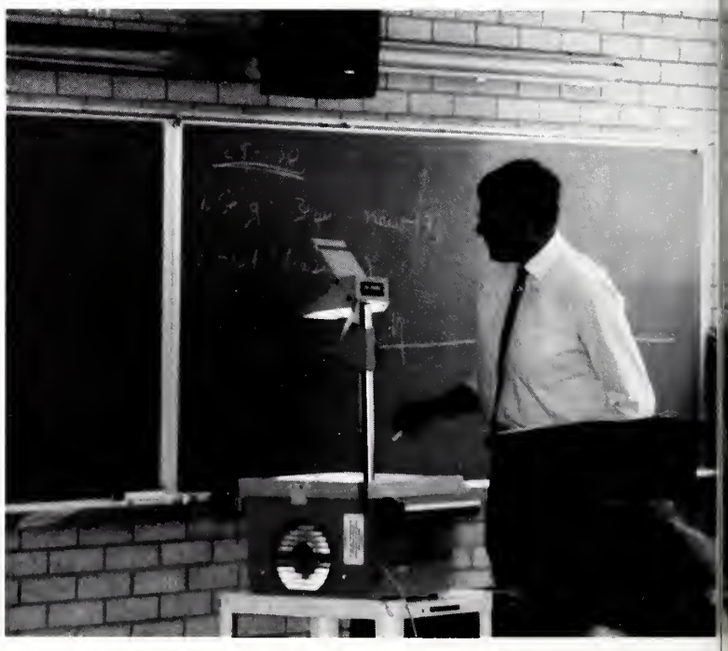
(Photo by Ha Chau)

The great enemy of oral history is **TIME**

says Keith Sprunger, Oswald H. Wedel Professor of History. Sprunger and his colleague, Jim Juhnke began an oral history project, recording first-hand accounts of World War II.

The Missing Piece...of the lecture
Professor of History James Juhnke helps history students after one of his rousing lectures. "He is not mainstream when it comes to teaching. He took on the personas of other people and lectured from their viewpoint. I love that guy," said Chino Flores, a Freshman student of Jim's.
(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)

History Alive!
Freshman historian Sonia Cooper interviews a World War II Red Cross volunteer.
(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)



Keith in action
Known for his multimedia presentations during class, Dr. Keith Sprunger draws one of his now famous timelines. Former History of Civilization II student Ha Chau says about Keith, "He gets really involved in the lecture and that keeps the class really interesting. Also, he keeps in touch with us about our day-to-day lives."
(Photo by Jen Stoll)

Inspecting the competition
History professor Jim Juhnke published a textbook, intended for use in secondary education. "The Missing Peace" was written while Juhnke was on sabbatical in 95-96. *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

The History Department has been busy, busy, busy this year. Both professors had work published and many students were involved in the recording of history, in some shape or form.

For starters, Keith Sprunger was the currator for the Menno Simons exhibit at the Kaufman Museum. He also attended an international conference on history in Paris.

Professor James Juhnke's newest work, "The Missing Peace" was published. This textbook places historical events in referrence to times when violent conflict could have occurred but were prevented, thus keeping peace in order.

Also, one senior History major's dedication to the subject was recognized at the Bethel Awards Ceremony. Ross Musselman II was presented The Thresher, an award given to outstanding seniors for their accomplishments in their areas of concentration. Musselman was granted the prestigious prize for his senior seminar on the rediscovery of Central Europe. Presenting The Thresher to Musselman, Sprunger altered a portion of Musselman's seminar, "Ross," he said. "If you did not exist, Bethel College would have to create you."

The efforts to record history by students are also noteworthy. Several students worked on the Showalter Oral Project, a collection of taped interviews about major historical events. This year the main focus of the project has been on World War II.

Sprunger and Juhnke began the project in the 1966-67 school year.

The project focused on World War I, first. After collecting over 300 interviews about World War I, the professors decided to move on to other topics. "Our people disappear on us," Sprunger said.

Now, students and other volunteers now conduct many of the interviews, which reflect upon the different views of World War II.

"The war was not necessarily a united effort," said History major Tom Taylor, a junior who interviewed a member of the Church of Brethren. The interviewee believed that the war was for economic and nationalistic reasons. He promptly claimed himself a conscientious objector.

Freshman Sonia Cooper focused on a different aspect of the war. She has interviewed a handful of ladies who served in several different capacities--from the Army to the Red Cross.

(Story by Daniel Macias)

Sarah Thomsen, Jen Janzen, Sharleen Loewen and Melinda Leritz rehearse a piece for their upcoming show.

The Broadway at Bethel cast rehearses for an upcoming event.

Chris Graber surrounded by his fans, attempts to catch some Z's.

Greg Hinex practices pleading with Diana Peters.

Getting Comfortable
Deep in thought, Kerry Saner lies comfortably on the Green while listening to Phil Stolzfus's lecture.

Making Discussions Fun
Why be cooped up inside when the sun is beaming on everyone outside? When a class of five students decided that they did not want to have class indoors, they took advantage of the Green one beautiful day in the Spring. Professor Phil Stolzfus agreed. From then on, it became a tradition for their class to meet outside.

"All your (children) will be taught by the Lord."-*Isaiah 54:13*

Classes on the Green

My, oh my, what a wonderful day!"
ble and religion students Shasta Schmidt, Daniel Asher, and Gretchen Gering soak in a little knowledge and sunshine.

Get your cow

I would venture to say that few colleges bring the entire freshman class into a lecture and proceed to tell them that the college encourages pranks. Bethel happens to be just such a school. I can still distinctly recall sitting in Krehbiel auditorium for a group Principles of Communication lecture and being told that pranks are encouraged if and only if they follow the rules. The rules: Nobody gets hurt or is in danger of being hurt, no keys can be used, and the motive and prank itself should be ethically and morally sound.

Historically the greatest Bethel prank up to date would have to be the classic cow in the library. The prank violated thee rules a bit, but still remains as one of the finer pranks accomplished on the Bethel campus. In essence, a cow was taken into the office in the current Mennonite Library and Archives, and was left there for the remainder of the night and into the next day. All the proper precautions were taken and to date the perpetrators still remain anonymous. The prank did hurt the expecting cow, the calf was aborted, and the librarian was greatly offended; in that sense, this particular prank was not so good.

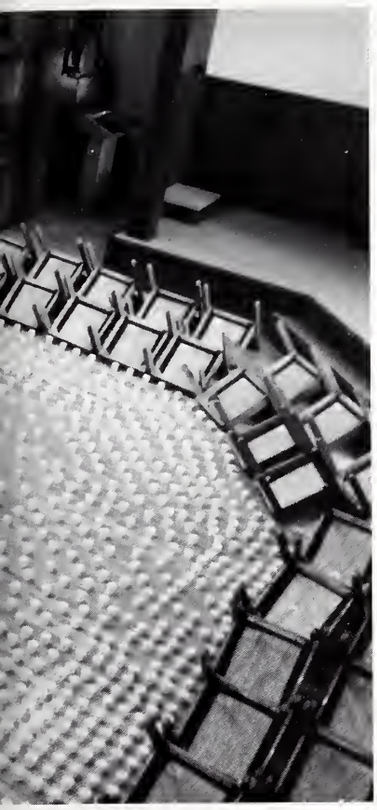
In this 1996-1997 school year we have had a few pranks that may have assured themselves a place in the annals of Bethel's history. A car was put inside the Fine Arts Centerr and displayed near the art gallery, the illustrious green was covered with numerous political

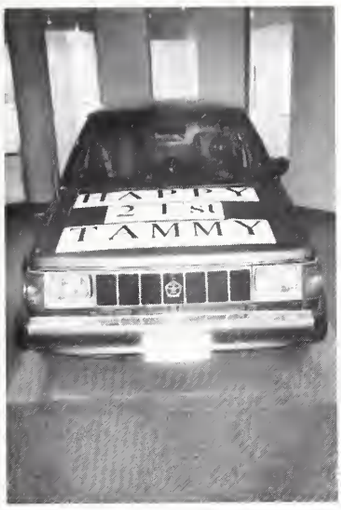
Election Day
Signs covered the green on the morning of the presidential election in early Noven
Pranksters took them from around the Newton area. *(Photo provided by Karen Sieb*

signs on the eve of elections, the chapel floor w s covered with Dixie cups filled with water, on t e night before a chapel, and the lights were all tak n out of the library.

The majority of the pranks seemed to b

out of MY library





Happy Birthday!
Tammy Sawatzky awoke the morning of her birthday to find her car missing. Friends took her car and created a piece of art for the gallery in the Fine Arts Center. *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

Amen. . .
Pranksters filled Dixie Cups with water and put them in the Chapel.
(Photo by Karen Siebert)

one for prank's sake only, except the car in the ine Arts Center, and the Dixie cups. The car was ammy Sawatzky's, and the event took place on ne morning of her birthday; probably not the resent she was anticipating, but an impressive eat in and of itself.

"We were too cheap to do anything else, but ve wanted to do something cool for her birthday," aid one of the pranksters.

Originally they had wanted to put the car on he stage, (this took place on a Sunday night) and pen the curtains during announcements in Convo, ut they couldn't get it through a sharp turn. There vas only an extra inch of space between the door nd the car and they were careful enough to drive t through scratch free, though Tammy scratched the car while driving out.

At one point in the procedure the pranksters thought they heard the police outside and hid for awhile only to find the it was just fellow comrades. The beauty of the ordeal was the fact that everything was sealed back up after the deed was done, and maintenance left it up until the late afternoon so all could witness the splendor. The group had to coax Tammy to go to Convo that Monday, but I am sure that it helped to make this birthday one she would remember.

The Dixie cup prank also had a bit of symbolism. In orer to to get inside without using a key, one of the team of persons had to hide from ten until 12:30 a.m. before they could let their fellow participanrts in. They placed Dixie cups of water all over the floor, and spelled out "Amen" in the center. The meaning of the Amen was not what Duane Friesen had interpreted (a Revelations verse), but actually a way of saying that pranks are a good thing to do. This too was a carefully planned work, and followed the prank rules nicely.

Though the lights did go out at Bethel, we still manage to have some carefully planned pranks. Maybe the library light's out prank was a cry for Persecution, or perhaps a claim that we have in some way lost our intelligence--in either case I would venture to say that there are still many ideas out there, and though the year is gone, I'm sure we have not seen the last of pranks at Bethel.

Story by Eric Schrag
***et cetera** of Spring 1997*

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCING
Swing Kids was initiated by lovers of ballroom dance. Sam and Sarah heat up the Bubbert's dance floor.
(Photo by Dave Wilson)

Remember this?

Memories

* Student Senate Constitution revision?
* Swing Kids?
* What you were doing on Halloween?
* Interterm trips?
* Eating out? Good food...like Burger King?
* Fifty-nine cent movies?
* Sundays at Taco Bell?
* Going to the creek after dark?
* The wine & cheese party?

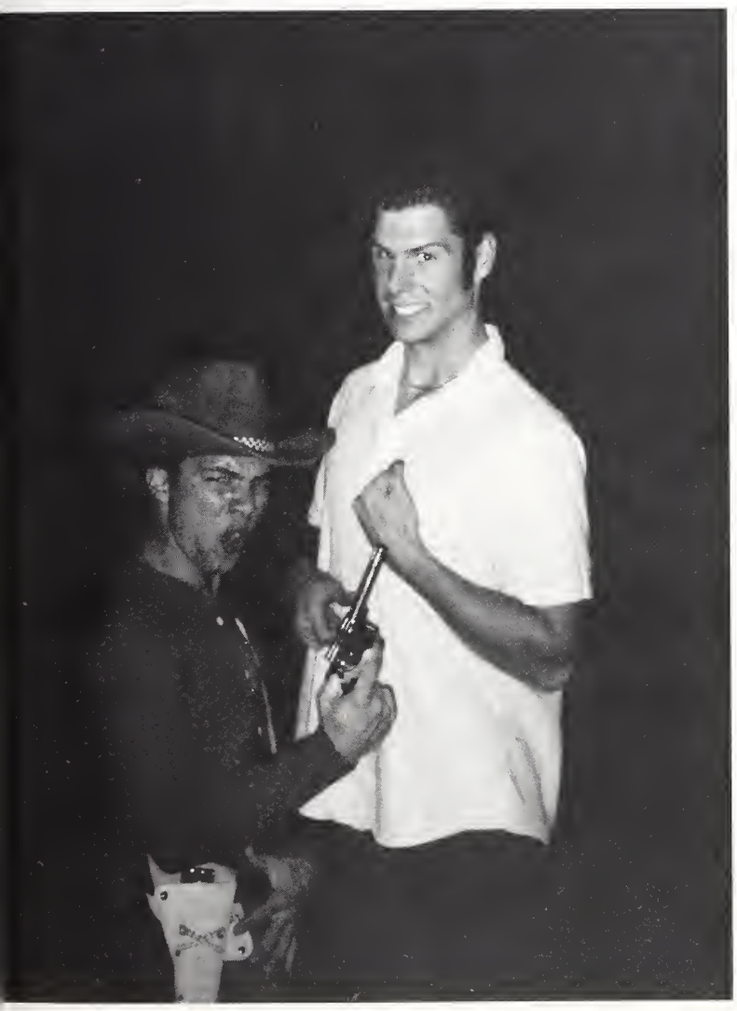
COLORADO SKIING
The music department once again put together a thrilling trip to Colorado at the end of interterm. *(Photo by Dave Wilson)*

THE GRABERS
Remember Kenna and Kelson's wedding?
(Photo provided by Kenna Graber)

SCARED?
These Haury Hall residents took over the bodies of some nice people on Halloween. Can you identify them?
(Photo by Allison Langston)

LATE NIGHT WORK SESSIONS
Gretchen and Eric work late on video projects for Fundamentals of Broadcasting. *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*

OOOH...THE WORKOUTS
Trips to the weight room were open invitations to some, while timid others stayed out. *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*



GUESS WHO?
Ready for action in the wild west or in New York City on Halloween. Don't even think about messing with these studs.
(Photo by Cara Kliewer)

CONCERT IN HAURY
Stairwell, an a capella music group, serenades Sharleen Loewen.
(Photo provided by Kenna Graber)

A CHAPTER'S END

Graduation

No matter how much we love being at Bethel, there comes a time when we all must leave. For this year's seniors, that time came on May 25, 1997. Commencement was at Memorial Hall. Patty Shelly, Associate Professor of Bible and Religion, who is on leave and working with MCC in Jerusalem, delivered the commencement address. The ceremony ended just two hours before tornadoes threatened south-central Kansas.

"MUSIC, PROFESSOR"
Brian Wiebe conducts the orchestra in a little pre-celebratory music. *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

THIS WAY, FOLKS
President Penner and Dean Goering head the march into Memorial Hall. *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

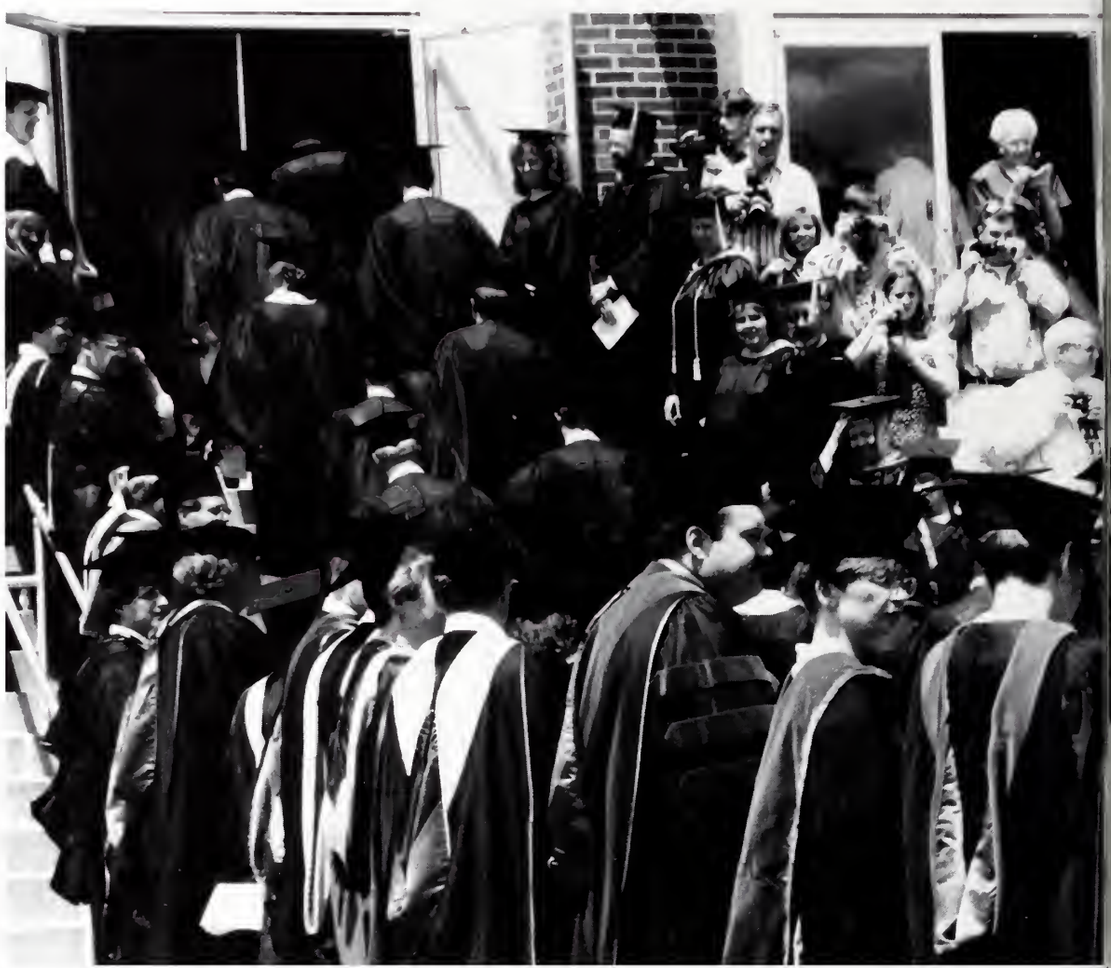
THE CELLOISTS
Neil Hamill and Sarah Bricker serenade the audience.
(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)

MUSIC IN THE AIR
Members of the orchestra read their notes with the utmost concentration. *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

"Great events, we often find, on little things depend, and even small beginnings have oft a mighty end."--Anonymous

GRADUATION

The Traditional March
Graduates walk into the building while faculty and family look on. *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*



Waiting for the Moment
Julie Moorehead looks ready to take the Walk. *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

Lining Up
Professors step into position to honor the graduates. *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

The Time has Arrived
A group of grads slowly march toward their places. *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

The Impatient One
J.P. McKay checks his cap. He seems like he is itching to move that tassle to the other side. *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

Peek-a-Boo
Greg Hinex smiles at the camera as he, Matt Harms and Walter Holmes enter the gymnasium of Memorial Hall.
(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)

Greeting the Grads
Faculty stand and proudly watch the graduates walk into Mem Hall.
(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)

Smile, Brian
Brian Kynaston seems to be taking something very seriously.
(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)

Time to Celebrate!
In caps and gowns they exit Memorial Hall as Bethel grads.
(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."--Matthew 7:7

Graduation

The End and the Beginning...

"Fun and Fancy Free"
Sandra Zerger and Marge Warta have a nice chit chat after the ceremony.
(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)

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Alvarez, Robert
Arellano, David
Arellano, Jessica
Asher, Daniel

Asher, Larissa
Ayala, Pablo
Bailey, Nathan
Bain-Young, Julie
Bannister, Meniza
Barger, Brandon
Barger, Preston

Beamer, Kamana
Becker, Courtney
Beckmon, James
Begaye, Danny
Benavides, Ben
Benson, Clint
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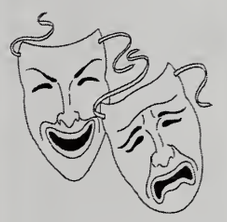

Temptations. . .

Potiphar finds his wife with Joseph in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." All four showings of the Fall Festival musical sold out, this year. Joseph was played by Sophomore Jim Ostlund; Potiphar was played by Senior Greg Hinex; and Potiphar's wife was played by Senior Katrina Toews.
(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)

Opening friendships

YM: Take another look!

Where would you go to find Bethel's "environmentally conscious cuties?"

"The green."
David Arellano
Junior

"Mod 1C."
Matt Busby
Senior

"Druber's."
Roy Cornett
Freshman

"The Good Earth Store, the creek, EAC meetings, and Peace Club meetings."
Phil de la Rosa
Senior

"Soccer games."
Celina Wilson
Freshman

Blowers, Andrew
Bonham,Sherry
Bontrager, Amy
Boschmann, Erich
Boster, Kirk
Boudreau, Douglas
Bowden, Tammy

Bowe, Misty
Bradbury, Jarrod
Braun, Margaret
Bricker, Sarah
Brodhagen, Angela
Brodhagen, Troy
Brown, Cynthia

Brubacher, Anne
Budge, Shana
Burns, Anna
Burton, Kandra
Busby, Matthew
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Calderon-Kawasaki, Kenichi

Cammarn, Angela
Carbajal, John
Carter, Brandon
Carver, Connie
Castro, Danny
Castro, David
Ceres, Pablo

Chaloupek, Twila
Chambers, Staci
Chappell, Katie
Chau, Ha Thu
Childs, Chad
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Christopher, Aaron
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Cook, Anna
Cook-Wiens, Eric

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Creary, Thomas

Cropp, Amy
Dalton, Jason
Daugherty, Honey
de la Rosa, Phil
DeLuna, Miranda
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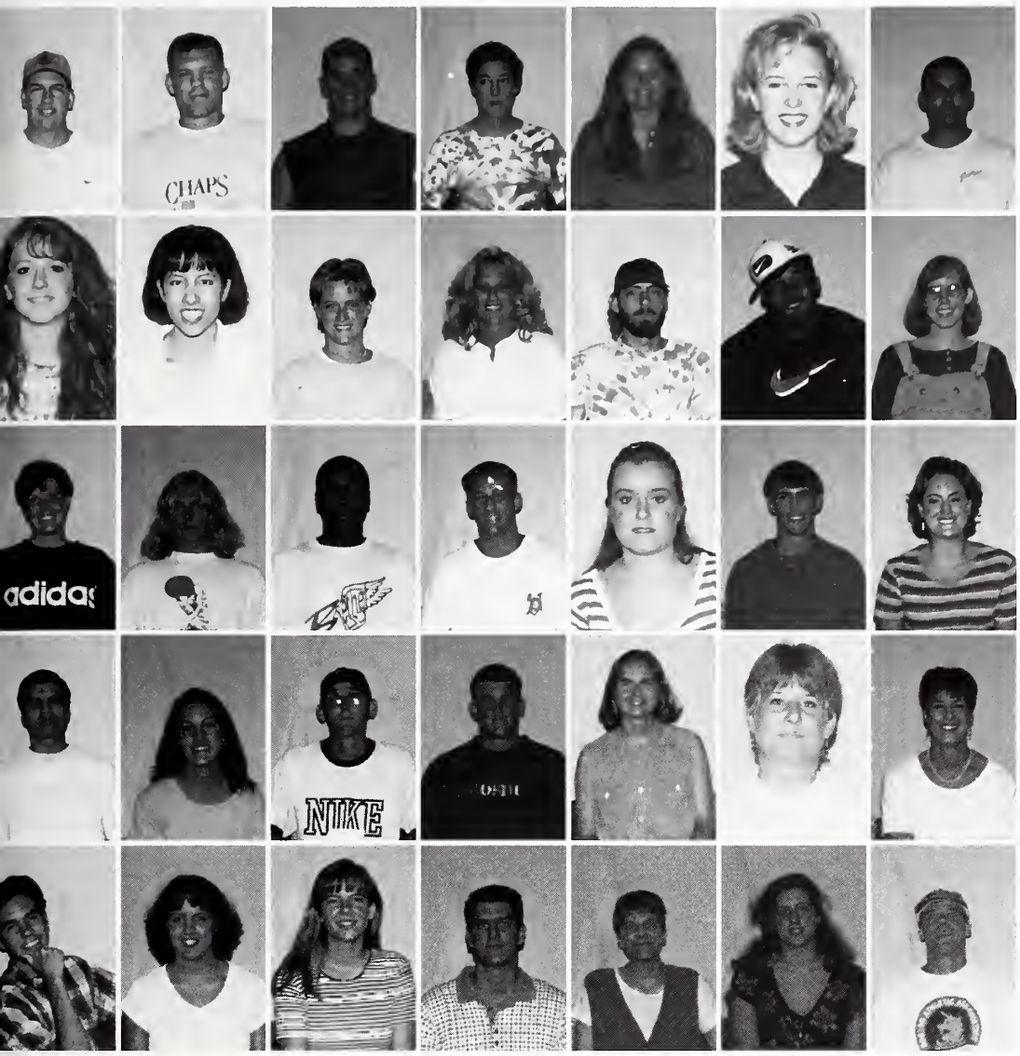
Duft, Amy



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Esquivel, Eduardo

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Etherington, Sara
Ewert, Jonathan
Fa, Michael
Farris, Angela

Farris, Heather
Ferree, Nathan
Finley, Derrick
Fish, James
Flaming, Denae
Flaming, Patrick
Flaming, Stacy

Flores, Gilberto
Forrest, Sarah
Fox, Jason
Francis, Shelby
Franz, Audrey
Frederick, Christina
Freeburne, Andrea

Fretz, Mark
Friesen, Amber
Friesen, Joanna
Friesen, Ken
Friesen, Kendra
Friesen, Liv
Friesen, Marc

Environmentally Conscious Cutie on a Forensics Trip?

Bethel College had the distinct honor of being designated, by Young and Modern magazine, as the college where one would most likely find an Environmentally Conscious Cutie. Jason Fox readily displays his cuteness..What about the consciousness part of it, Jase?
(Photo by Jen Stoll)

Opening friendships

International Students at Bethel College

Opening up to diversity

Cameroon
Aisatou Ngong
Lolem Ngong

—

Kenya
Kulsumbai Kapacee

—

Morocco
Fatima Ahrens

—

Nigeria
Jessie Okon

—

Canada
Scott Friesen
Russell Tribby
Nathan Bailey

—

Guatemala
Gilberto "Chino" Flores

—

Mexico
Luis Garcia

—

Argentina
Juan Aguirre

—

China
Zhuwei Chen

—

India
Sekhar Vadlamani
Srikar Vadlamani
Aman Kapoor
Amit Roy

—

Vietnam
Ha Thu Chau

—

Japan
Julia Calderon-Kawasaki
Ken-ichi Calderon-Kawasaki
Miwa Ohira
Eisuke Sugiyama
Koji Hayakawa

—

Lebanon
Zeina Ghaoui

—

Afghanistan
Palwasha Kakar

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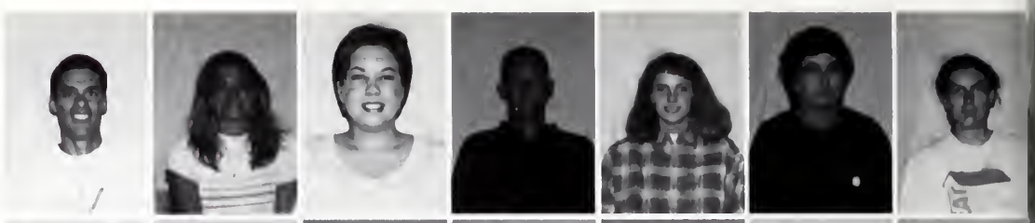
Friesen, Stefany
Frieze, Sally
Froese, Jerram
Funk, Melisa
Galle, Karen
Gard, Adrienne



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Gering, Gretchen
Ghaoui, Zeina

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Gil, Victor
Goering, Kim
Goering, Linda
Goering, Matthew
Goering, Shana
Goertzen, Tonya

Goossen, Staci
Graber, Chris
Graber, Jay
Graber, Jesse
Graber, Nathan
Graber, Phil
Graber, Sherilyn

Graber, Travis
Graf, James
Graham, Erica
Grant, Bridget
Graves, Bill
Greer, Annie
Gritmacker, Rita

Grout, Martha
Grubbs, Anna
Guete, Vanessa
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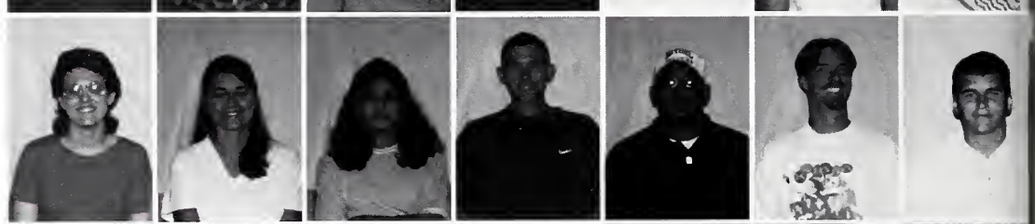
Haneberg, Brent



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Harder, Willmar
Harms, Matthew

Hasangjekaj, Ardijan
Haynes, Liberty
Heckler, Ariel
Hegge, Jeremy
Heiks, Sam
Heinrichs, Amanda
Hershey, Jason

Hess, Jennifer
Hett, Donna
Hiebner, James
Hill, Crysta
Hill, Karen
Hiltgen, Cindy
Hinex, Greg

Holmes, Walter
Holzworth, Adam
Hoopes, Tyler
Hotchkin, Sandra
Hubert, Katelyn
Hull, Joshua
Hutmacher, Sarah

Hutton, Charles
Huxman, Brian
Isaac, Mitchell
Issac, Stuart
Jackson, Matt
James, Marlana
Jantz, Jamie

Jantzen, Bernice
Jantzen, Eric
Jantzen, Kristen
Janzen, Jay Dee
Janzen, Jennifer
Janzen, Kelley
Johnson, Denise

Johnson, Nicole
Johnson, Willie
Johnston, Liz
Jost, Katherine
Kakar, Palwasha
Kapacee, Kulsumbai
Kapoor, Aman

Kauffman, Matt
Kaufman, David Alan
Kaufman, David Andrew
Kaufman, David Lynn
Keen, Torian
Kehrberg, Kevin
Kennell, Brooke

International Students at Bethel College

Bhutan
Chitso Pradhan

—

France
Ken Friesen
Liv Friesen

—

Spain
Victor Gil
Pablo Ceres

—

Germany
Monika Christ
Bettina Stubbe

—

United Kingdom
Julie Bain-Young

—

Netherlands
Marieke Price

—

Yugoslavia
Ardijan Hasangjekaj

—

Guam
Lynn Paulin

Tastes from around the world . . . The International Club's booth at Fall Fest was as popular as ever. Long lines waited to sample curry and many other entrees made by members of the International Club. "The booth was fun because it gave us a chance to work together, building community and promoting an international atmosphere," says Senior and club president Sekhar Vadlamani. *(Photo by Kirsten Blosser)*

Opening friendships

And the Oscar goes to...

Favorite movies of the year

Jerry McGuire
Robin Tegethoff
Freshman

—

Romeo & Juliet
Jen Stipp
Sophomore

—

The Saint
Charles Hutton
Freshman

—

Shine
Koji Hayakawa
Senior

—

Sleepers
Cathy Schmidt
Senior

—

Scream
Eddie Sifuentes
Sophomore

—

Fargo
Daniel Macias
Senior

Kerbs, Eunice
Kermode, Carson
Kindy, Jeremy
King, Ethan
Klassen, Rebecca
Klassen, Sherie
Kliewer, Chris

Kloster, Greta
Knight, Guy
Koehn, Chris
Koehn, Ryan
Koehn, Sarah
Koontz, Matthew
Kratzer, Sarah

Krehbiel, Allen
Krehbiel, Karri
Krehbiel, Matthew
Kroeker, Karl
Krueger, Tamara
Kruse, Keela
Kynaston, Brian

Kynaston, Emily
Lamb, Cory
Lamb, Mark
Langston, Allison
Larson, Jacob
Leading Fox, Ben
Lehman, Chad

Leisy, Aimee
Leritz, Melinda
Lewallen, Corrine
Lightner, Olivia
Lindsay, Candy
Linscheid, Robin
Loewen, Sharleen

Long, Roberta
Macias, Andres
Macias, Daniel
Macias, Juan
Mahoney, Matthew
Malcolm, Alfredo
Malone, Keitha

Maltsberger, Matt
Marquardt, Sonia
Marsh, Tonya
Martin, Melissa
Martin, Ruth
Mason, Joy
Mast, Brian

McAnulty, Karen
McFarlane, Deborah
McKay, John Peter
Mears, Ramon
Meeks, James
Meyer, Monica
Meyer, Reed

Mick, Kelly
Miller, Christopher
Miller, Lana
Milton, Morris
Montano, Joe
Montano, Sarah
Moore, Maurice

Moorehead, Julie
Morris, Jennifer
Morris, Troy
Musselman, Ross
Navarro, Adrian
Neff, Andy
Neufeld, Hannah

Ngong, Aisatou
Ngong, Lolem
Nickel, Holly
Niehage, Nicole
Niehage, Pauletta
Nitzsche, Sarah
Oakman, Michael

Odom, James
Oelke, Timothy
Ohira, Miwa
Ortman, Amy
Ortman, William
Ostlund, Jim
Owens, Stephen

Pack, Curtis
Pankratz, Matthew
Parker, Linda
Parks, Stephen
Pasteur, Kevin
Paulin, Pauline
Payne, Bobbie

Peachey, Leigh Ann
Pecina, Anastacio
Penner, Carrie
Penner, Kimberly
Pennington, Kristi
Peschel, Susan
Peters, Amie Jo

Sweet Relaxation
What better way to shed the load of classwork than to sit down to a movie with friends? A survey of Bethel students revealed that movie-watching, whether at the theater or in the dorms, was the number one form of entertainment for students. Kathy, Adrienne, and Heather have caught on. *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

A Look Ahead...

What will you be doing in 10 years?

"Paying off my student loans."
Melinda Leritz
Sophomore

—

"Hugging trees."
Marie Corpe
Junior

—

"Drinking a beer."
Katelyn Hubert
Sophomore

—

"Becoming filthy rich."
John Carbajal
Senior

—

"Spray painting baby seals in the Arctic and running my organic chicken farm."
Jen Reese
Sophomore

—

"Hopefully, working."
Cindy Hiltgen
Freshman

Peters, Dianna
Peters, Eric
Peters, Jason
Peters, Michelle
Pfeffer, Desiree
Phillippe, Chris
Pickrell, Matthew

Poag, Warren
Pope, Karlye
Poppleton, Daniel
Pradhan, Chitso
Prilliman, Brian
Prinz, Jennifer
Quiring, Brad

Ramirez, Elizabeth
Randa, Alissa
Ratzlaff, Tammy
Reep, Jenise
Reese, Amanda
Reese, Jennifer
Reeves, Christina

Regier, Brandi
Regier, Jason
Reiman, Anne
Reimer, Michael
Rempel, Rachel
Riffee, Jessica
Roberts, Brook

Roberts, Floyd
Roberts, Kim
Robinson, Elizabeth
Robl, Tonya
Roth, Gwendolyn
Roy, Amit
Rudman, Megan

Russell, Brandon
Sanders, Mark
Saner, Kerry
Sanford, April
Sawatzky, Tamara
Sayler, Andrea
Schauf, Michelle

Schave, Deanna
Scheffler, Morris
Scheffler, Shari
Schmidt, Alison L.
Schmidt, Alison M.
Schmidt, Alissa
Schmidt, Cathy

Schmidt, Erica
Schmidt, Grant
Schmidt, Jill
Schmidt, Shasta
Schmidt, Vanessa
Schrag, Elizabeth
Schrag, Eric

Schrag, Jody
Schrag, Melissa
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Scott, Jacqueline
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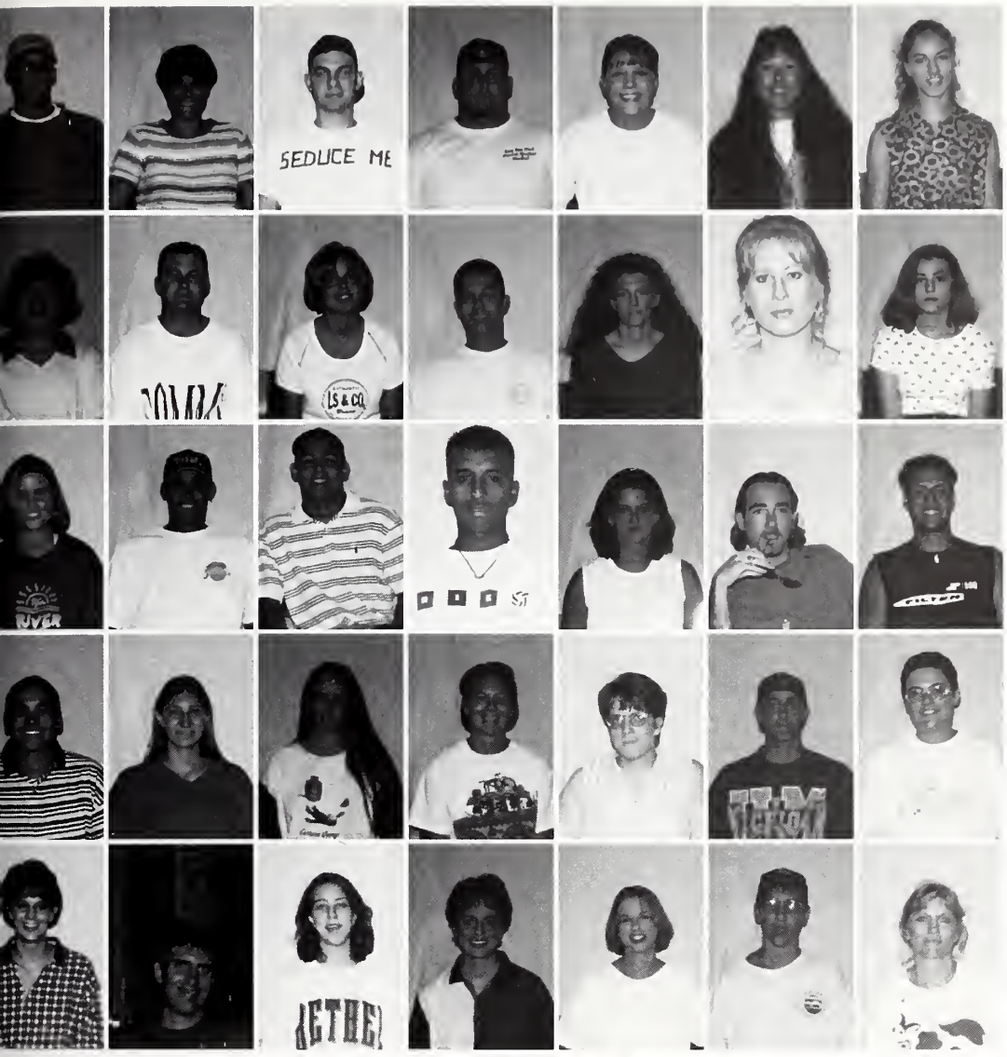
Scott, John
Sedore, Jay



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Selzer, Amber
Shilts, Rolan
Shipley, Robert
Shirley, Andra
Shunatona, Denise
Siebert, Sasha

Siebert, Traci
Siemens, Brandon
Siemens, LeAyre
Sifuentes, Eddie
Simms, Wendy
Skinner, Amber
Skipper, Sarah

Smith, Allison
Sommer, Brian
Sotelo, Juan
Soto, Marcos
Spencer, Liberty
Spruill, Matthew
Squyres, Aaron

Stephey, Tiffany
Stigge, Sidney
Stinemetz, Naomi
Stipp, Jennifer
Stoll, Jennifer
Storck, Aaron
Stubbe, Bettina

Stucky, Kari
Stucky, Kelly
Stucky, Krystal
Stucky, Melissa
Stucky, Meredith
Stucky, Nathan
Stucky, Sandy

Planning ahead
Bible and Religion majors have the opportunity to experience work in their field before being thrown into the jungle. Ministery Inquiry is open to any student wanting to pursue a career in the church. Senior Willmar Harder participated in the program in Liberal, Kansas at Calvary Mennonite Church and Senior Kerry Saner participated in the program at Peace Mennonite Church in Dallas, Texas.
(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)

Opening friendships

Food for Thought?

What do you like best about Marriott?

"They can't mess up cereal."
Eric Jantzen
Senior

—

"I get to see my friends."
Alfredo Malcolm
Senior

—

"The bright orange tables."
Jessi Riffee
Freshman

—

"Social interaction."
Becky Klassen
Junior

—

"It's 'all you can eat.'"
Liv Friesen
Sophomore

—

"The cheese enchiladas."
Sue Allen
Marriott Catering
Supervisor

Stuhlsatz, Scott
Stutzman, Rachel
Sugiyama, Eisuke
Suter, Rodney
Sweatt, Holly
Tabor, Sarah
Talcott, Brad

Taylor, Kolen
Tegethoff, Robin
Thaw-Hogan,Valleey
Thiesen, Marcy
Thomas, Megan
Thompson, Lynette
Thomsen, Sarah

Tieszen, Melissa
Toerber, Scott
Toews, Annaken
Toews, Katrina
Tran, Mouy
Tribby, Russell
Troyer, Heather

Tucker, Marc
Ulrich, Amy
Unruh, Austin
Unruh, Arissa
Unruh, Nicole
Unruh, Shanna
Vadlamani, Sekhar

Vadlamani, Srikar
Valdez, Anthony
VanPelt, Vance
Van Wingen, Matt
Voth, Krista
Wagler, Angela
Wahl, Kurt

Ward, Chad
Watkins, Matthew
Wattenbarger, Rose
Waltner, Tim
Walter, Peter James
Weaver, Sheri
Webb, Tracy

Weber, Brenden
Wedel, Blake
Wedel, Shane
Weedin, Alex
Welch, Kenneth
West, Amanda
Westerman, Matt

Widener, Michael
Wiles, William
Willems, Marla
Wilson, Brant
Wilson, Celina
Wilson, Daniel
Wittmer, Matthew

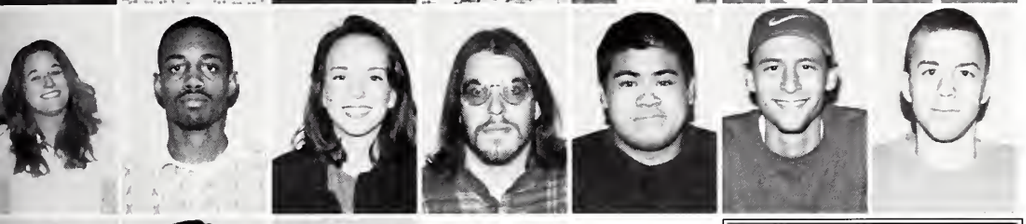
Wixson, Carrie
Wood, Jon
Wooten, Chrishawn
Wright, Melanie
Wuthnow, Jane
Yoder, Andrea
Yoder, Gwendolyn

First Semester Students Fall 1996

Yoder, Shawna
Young, Janet
Zerger, Lynette
Zerger, Todd

Barnes, William
Chen, Zhuwei
Duzenberry, Mellonie
Edris, Roselyne
Hayakawa, Koji
Henderson, Kirstan
Krehbiel, Stephanie

Krell, Marla
Leis, Kurt
Mininger, Edward
Mullet, Chad
Rahman, Mahbubur
Rausch, Annette
Sarahs, Jaime



Schlenk, Maryse
Smith, Roland
Stucky, Erica
Taylor, Thomas
Tejano, Victor
Toevs, Phillip
Weber, Michael

The Newcomers of Spring 1997

Wilson, David
Zerger Brian
Zink, Christa

Mmm...Mmm...

Marriott was the house of fine dining for Bethel students. A wide array of entrees were served for carnivores and herbivores alike. Mariott provided a dessert bar and a salad bar. Students shan't soon forget these pleasurable dining experiences. *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

Opening friendships

A little work, a little...Well, what else?

What's your job?

"Line judging in Volleyball."
Preston Barger
Sophomore

—

"Spanish tutor."
Julia Calderon-Kawasaki
Junior

—

"Working at the Grainery."
Honey Daugherty
Senior

—

"Catering."
Chris Edwards
Freshman

—

"Teaching Computer Literacy Lab."
Stuart Isaac
Sophomore

—

"I like being an RA because it gives me unlimited power."
David Wilson
Senior

Bachofer, Cynthia
Bartel, Olivia
Black, Pat
Blosser, Janlee
Boschmann, Mary Ann
Davidson, Janice
Deckert, Lois

Deckert, Verda
DuBois, Rojean
Flaming, Marilyn
Flaming, Royce
Flask, Monica
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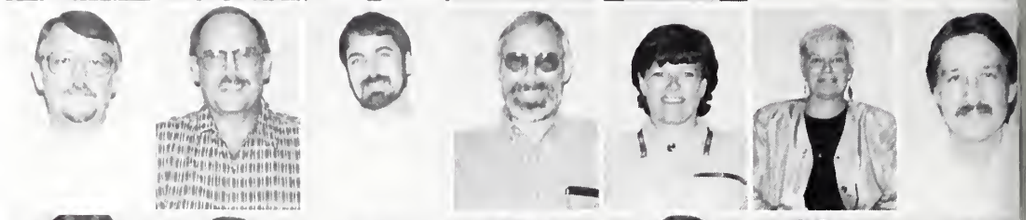

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Harder, Jim

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Klassen
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Hart, Phil
Hatch, Marilyn
Haun, Wynona
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King, Shirley
Krabill, Merrill
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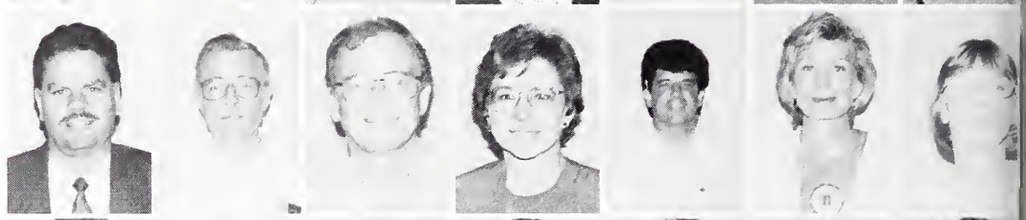

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Lewis, Paul
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Mathias, John
Matthew, Dorothy

Maugans, Marie
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Mick, Katherine
Moore, Carol
Moyer, Rosemary
Nachtigal, Frank
Nelson, Debra

Nienstedt, Shirley
Overman, Kim
Pankratz, Kristie
Penner, Doug
Penner, Kaye
Preheim, Marles
Quinlin, Dan

Regier, Amy
Regier, Kathleen D.
Regier, Kathy L.
Regier, Mary
Reimer, Judy
Rempel, Richard
Rogers, George

Sanders, Martha
Shilling, Chad
Schlabaugh, Karen Bauman
Schlabaugh, Merle
Schmidt, Donovan
Schmidt, Jane
Schmidt, Kay

Schmidt, Virgil
Schrag, Dale
Schroeder, Gregg
Sheriff, John
Smith, Randy
Stoltzfus, Philip
Stucky, Gail

Stucky, Milly
Thiesen, Barbara
Thiesen, John
van Asselt, Allen
Voth, Larry
Ward, Marty
Warta, Marjorie

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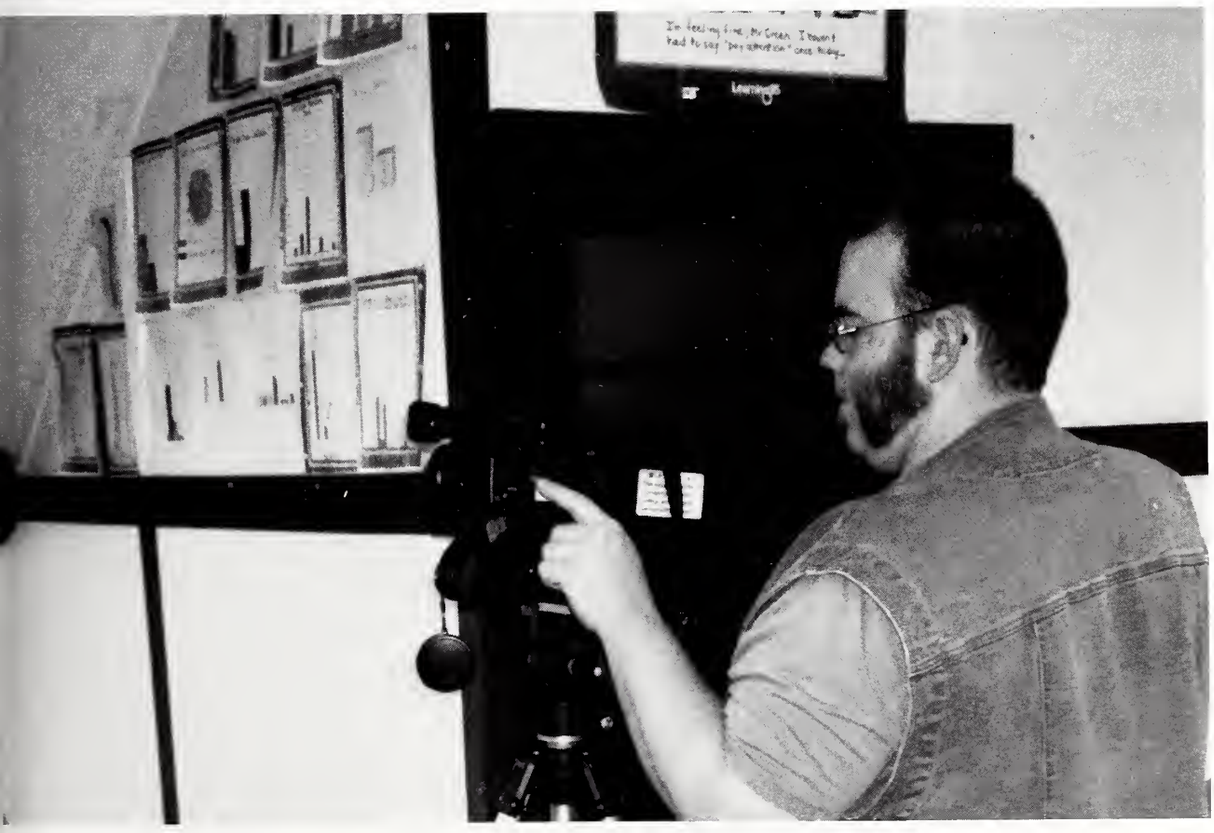
Zerger, Sandra



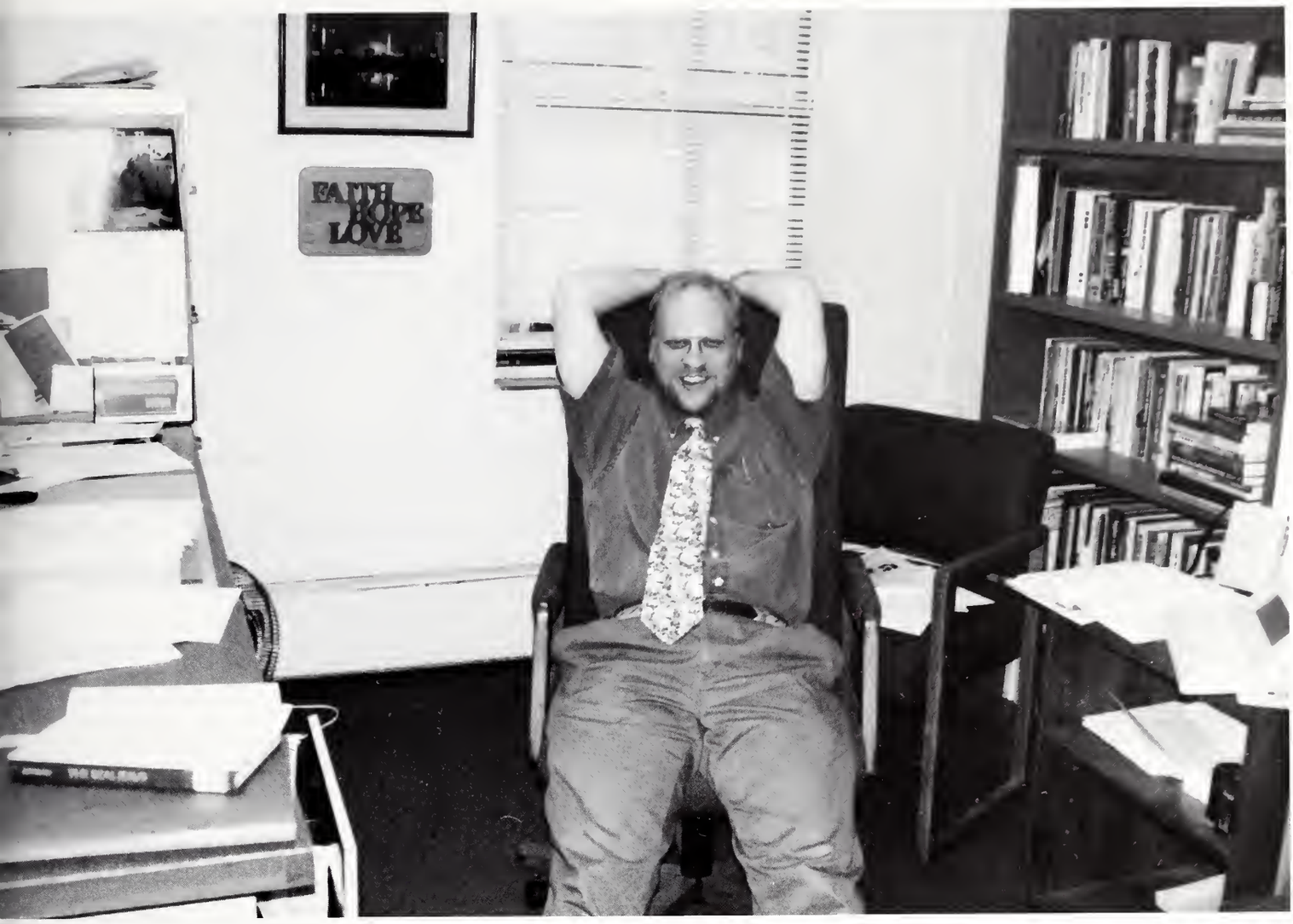
Work it, Busby!

Senior Matt Busby works as an Audio Visual employee, an Art Assistant, and as Executive Secretary of Student Senate. Many Bethel students have at least one work-study job. These jobs supplement financial aid, allowing the student to work off a loan while in school. *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

EAC educates the community about the world's environmental problems at Fall Fest.

EAC surrounds the fountain with love and support for the earth.

"The Fearless leader of campus Ministries."



Campus Ministries: Front row: Randy Smith, Kerry Saner, Dave Wilson, Dale Schrag. Back row: Daniel Asher, Jan Blosser, Grace Duerkson, Melissa Thieszen, Sarah Thompson, Sydny Stigge.

BEFORE
They chose to accept their mission, however, they accepted it with a warped concept of reality. *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

KBCU FM 88.1

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After

Back row: Left gargoyle-Brandon Russell, Jen Stoll, Matt Busby, Kirk Boster, Bryan Reber, Tammy Duvanel Unruh, right gargoyle-Jen Janzen
Middle row: Kerry Saner, Tom Taylor, David Alan Kaufman, Susan Gaeddert, Robin Linscheid, Daniel Macias
Front row: Willmar Harder, Kelly Mick, Sarah Thomsen, Elisabeth Harder *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

KBCU FM 88.1

Where YOU take part in the voice.

It is known that letters from Amnesty International have saved the lives of many political prisoners.

Amnesty International

Keep that pen moving
Kathy Harder was one of the many students who wrote for the Write-a-thon which took place in the Mantz Library lounge in late spring. *(Photo by Ha Chau)*

Let's Get Organized
Raylene Hinz-Penner, Merle Schlabaugh, Lois Deckert, and Marion Deckert are organizing for the summer. The purpose of this meeting is to look over literature for the club and investigating cases about political refugees. *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

Dear...
Alison M. Schmidt wrote five letters for one hour and a half at the Write-a-thon event. *(Photo by Ha Chau)*

THE AWARD WINNING *BETHEL COLLEGIAN*

SPORTS MAN JOE

Senior Joe Montano was Sports Editor for the *Collegian*. In addition to writing stories, he managed the sports writers and laid out the Sports section of the newspaper. Majoring in Communication Arts, emphasizing Mass Media, Joe hopes to become a professional sports writer in the future. *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*

THE HEAD HONCHO

Junior Alissa Randa served as Editor-in-Chief of the newspaper from the spring of 19 through the spring of 1997. In addition to her duties of managing the editorial sta assigning stories to reporters and photographers, Alissa also was editor of the Ne section of the paper. *(Photo by Jen St*

CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION

"*The Collegian* was privileged to be recognized as the best newspaper of four-year private colleges in Kansas. That is a credit to Alissa as well as to the strength of the staff, as a whole." *--Bryan Reber, Adviser*

LATE ONE WEDNESDAY NIGHT... Alissa Randa, Editor-in-Chief, spends her spare time in front of the computer, finishing the News section before the Thursday morning deadline. *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*

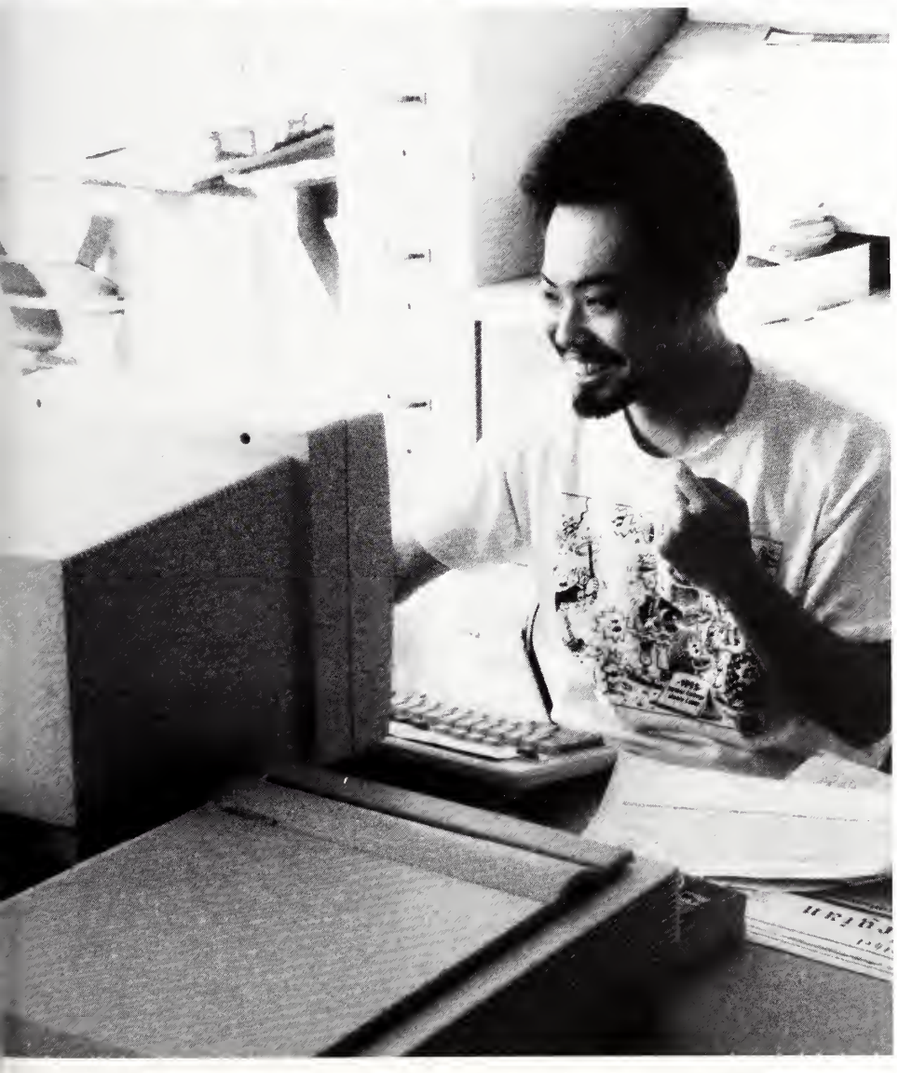
BEST IN KANSAS! The Collegian staff received top honors from the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press. They won the All-Kansas Award for private, four-year college newspapers for the first time since 1992.
(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)

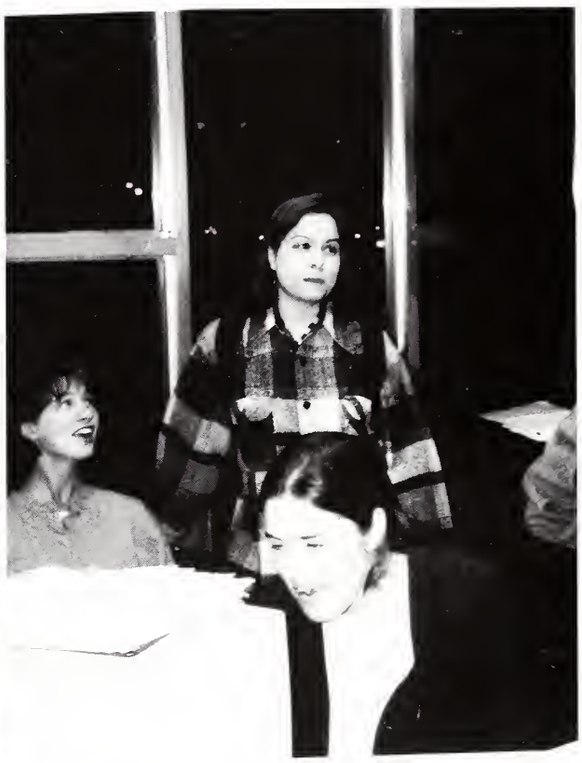
HARDER AT WORK

homore Kathy Harder was editor of the Opinion/Editorial section of the *Collegian*. will be the editor-in-chief of volume 86 of the *Collegian*, during the 1997-98 demic year. *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*

WONDERBOY SCHRAG

Eric Schrag was not only editor of the Features section, but also was the Business Manager for the *Collegian*. "He did a great job," said Alissa Randa. "He increased sales and advertisement quite a bit." Eric still has the official and exact figures. *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*

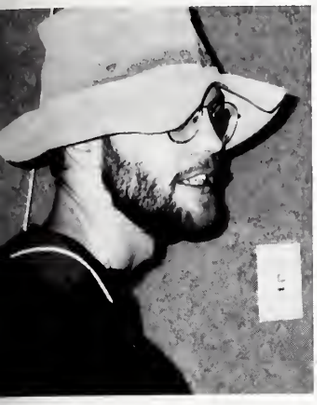




FINISHING UP Section editor Kathy Harder waits as Sarah Kratzer finishes her last column for the academic year...A bit late! *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*

KOJI SMILES As the first on-line editor, Koji Hayakawa worked vigorously every other weekend to allow the Collegian to be accessible to the general public via the web. *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*

PERSECUTION



lbird

id Wilson rests in jail (actually as the R/TV Lab) and awaits perfect time to escape. Nice Dave!

Run...and She'll Catch U!

Sarah Thomsen watches the game as a referee. All players who run are caught and sent to jail.

What's the Password?

A safe-house guard waits for the arrival of desperate fugitives.

Man in Black

That's not a ninja. It's Kerry Saner looking out for possible persecutors.

Beware this Man

Bryan Reber, assistant ofessor of communication ts, peeks from behind his room, which was used to capture fugitive students.

The dark night and rustling from the woods might have been a scene out of a horror movie. Though there were no movie crews at Bethel, there was a lot of horror and drama in the game of Persecution. Sam Heiks, junior from Appleton, Wis., described the game to participants as "an intense game where persuasion and thought matter more than speed and strength." Students took on the role of fifteenth century Anabaptists trying to get to Freedom before any Catholic or Protestant persecutors (faculty and staff) caught them and sent them to jail. Once in jail, Randy Smith, campus pastor, asked them to convert in order to be let out. While some brave souls toughed it out, Smith said it was "easy to get most to convert." Over thirty students made it to Freedom after passing through ten safehouses and avoiding the setbacks of dreaded traitors.

"It was the only time faculty, staff, and students came together to have a fu time." *--Daniel Macias*

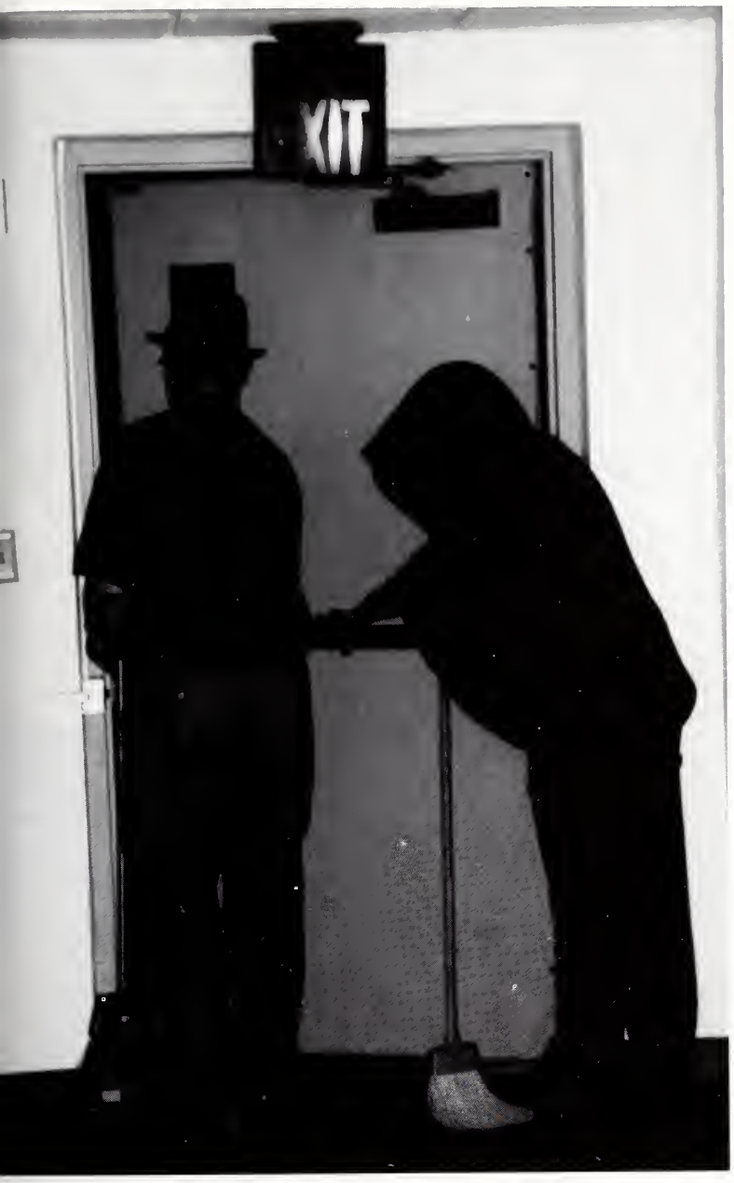
PERSECUTION

Free at last!
Only a few of the persecuted made the goal- FREEDOM.

The gate-keeper
Randy Smith reads a Biblical passage in an attempt to convert the fugitives. Only those who convert may be released.

Freedom
Shana, Brandi, Shana, Holly, and Jim relax after a long game.

Uh, where do we go now??
Tom Taylor and Annaken Toews plan the next move from within the jail.



Going Hunting
Two persecutors leave their base (the library) in search for fugitives.

Policing the Green
John Sheriff, Mike Lamb, and Kristie Pankratz comb the campus for criminals.

Pregame speech
Sam Heiks, coordinator of Persecution, has a discussion with his officals before the game.

Three's company
Kathy Harder and Katelyn Hubert engage in conversation with Duane Friesen after the game in Bubbert's.

TALKIN' IT UP

Bethel's Forensics and Debate Teams enjoyed state awards and national recognition for the twentieth year running.

Being on the Bethel College Forensic Team means mo than putting a lot of time and effort into performances th sometimes seem to pay off in small dividends. It means facin a challenge that only six colleges nationwide have overcom Qualifying students for the American Forensics Associatio national tournament each of its twenty years. With only o experienced competitor returning to the team, doubts abo maintaining the record were prevalent, at times. But t youthful squad rose to the challenge.

Gretchen Gering, Jen Stoll, and Jason Fox qualified for t tournament, keeping Bethel's record. In addition, B.C. su ceeded at the Pi Kappa Delta national tournament. Freshm Cory Lamb and Jessi Riffee placed in the top ten percent competitors in Prose, Duo, and Dramatic Interpretation.

Interp It!
Freshmen Jessi Riffee and Cory Lamb perform their duo interpretation in Convocation after returning from the Pi Kappa Delta national tournament where the duo took second place.
(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)

Inter-Coach Consultation
From weekend schedules to working the kinks out of performances to budgeting funds, Forensics coaches John McCabe-Juhnke, Tammy Duvanel Unruh, and Bryan Reber were in constant contact with one another, guiding the team to success.
(Photo by Jen Stoll)

Hoolah-hoops, goldfish, and coffee???
Junior Gretchen Gering performs her After Dinner Speech about the coffee craze in the Forensics Showcase Convo. Gretchen's A.D.S. qualified for the American Forensics Association national tournament and was awarded second at the Kansas State Individual Events Championship tournament.
(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)

It's all fun & games...
The Forensics squad after a scrumptious meal at Denver, Colorado's Casa Bonita following a hard and rewarding day of speaking, interpreting and debating.
(Photo by Jen Stoll)

The Forensics Team
Back row: Jennifer Stoll, Bryan Reber, Jessi Riffee, Cory Lamb, Gretchen Gering, and John McCabe-Juhnke
Front row: Tammy Duvanel Unruh, Jason Fox, and Robbi Long

Success...
Freshman Cory Lamb learns that he has--for the first time--broke into elimination rounds in two separate events. At the Red Rocks Community College tournament, in Denver, Colo., Cory placed 2nd in Dramatic Interpretation and was a semi-finalist in Prose. *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*

Coach Bryan
Sophomore Brooke Kennell consults Bryan Reber for help with last minute changes before a performance.
(Photo by Jen Stoll)

Basking in success
Cory calls home to mom on a late Saturday night, telling her the good news.
(Photo by Jen Stoll)

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

In this year's annual International Club convocation, each club member announced their names and which country they were from. Some of the club members were dressed in the country's traditional outfits. As they entered the auditorium, there were samples of music from different cultures playing in the background. *(Photo by Bettina Stubbe)*

There was a representative from each culture who sat on stage after the introduction to tell about the different forms of dating and marriages around the world. Aisatou Ngong (Cameroon) explained that in her country, the groom's family has to give a lot of money to the bride's family until they are satisfied. The bride will be given away only when her parents are satisfied with the amount of money given to them. *(Photo by Bettina Stubbe)*

FACES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

(Back): Lolem Ngong (Cameroon), Alison Schmidt (Kansas), Chino Flores (Guatemala), Srikar Vadlamani (India), Miwa Ohira (Japan), Ken Friesen (France), Lois Deckert (Kansas)
(Middle): Ha Chau (Vietnam), James Waltner (Taiwan), Kenichi Calderon-Kawasaki (Japan), Sekhar Vadlamani (India), Julia Calderon-Kawasaki (Japan), Chitso Pradhan(Bhutan)
(Front): Laura Hansen Schlabach (Ohio), Zeina Ghaoui (Lebanon), Bettina Stubbe (Germany), Mouy Tran (Cambodia), Ardijan Hasangjekaj (Yugoslavakia), Victor Gil (Spain)
(Photo by Bettina Stubbe

"RELY THE ARM OF THE LORD IS NOT TOO SHORT TO SAVE, NOR HIS EAR TOO DULL TO HEAR."
--ISAIAH 59:1

Campus Ministries

Called To Serve
Back row: Daniel Asher, Janlee Blosser, Grace Duerksen, Melissa Tieszen, Sarah Thomsen, Sydney Stigge
Front row: Randy Smith, Kerry Saner, David Wilson, Dale Schrag *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

Called To Eat
Grace Duerksen, Sasha Siebert, and Randy Smith enjoy breakfast at Randy's house. *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

SAB

Student Activities Board
Back row: Lucus Shilts, Matt Watkins, Chad Lehman, Erica Graham, Jennifer Scott.
Front row: Jill Schmidt, Andrea Yoder, Krista Voth, Alison L. Schmidt *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

Bethel College's Service Corps allows students the opportunity to serve the entire community, even beyond campus.

Service Corps

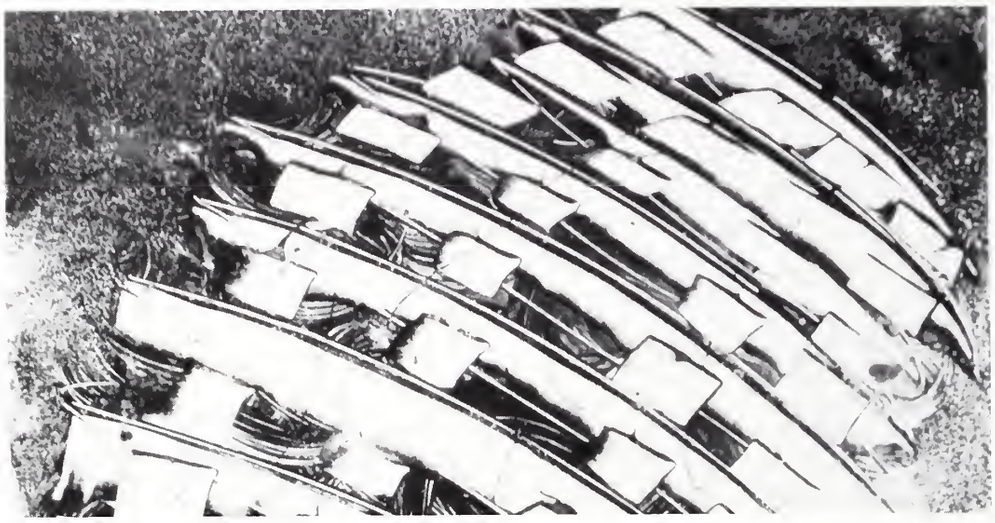
Service Corps helped many different agencies this year. From sponsoring a one-day trip to Wichita where the group of eleven helped Mennonite Housing build and paint a house to cleaning up a stretch of Highway 50, Service Corps' primary aim is serving the larger community.

At the service project
Back row: Randy Smith, Daniel Asher, Phil de la Rosa, Ross Musselman, Polly Niehage, Robin Linscheid.
Front row: Becky Klassen, Grace Duerksen, Alissa Randa, Vanessa Guete.
(Photo by Daniel Asher)

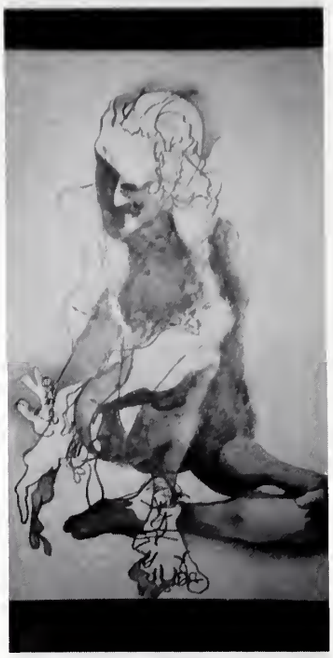
The service board
Back row: Randy Smith, Willmar Harder, Brandon Russell.
Front row: Kerry Saner, Jen Stoll, Elissa Berndt, Chris Phillippe.

True Dedication
Nothing feels better than knowing that you have helped out people in need. That must be why these folks are doing hard manual labor with big smiles on their faces.
(Photos by Daniel Asher)

A WATERCOLOR CLASS motivated Busby to develop his talent for two- and three-dimensional art. His senior projects were mostly prints, many of which contributed to his self-portrait series. *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*



PENCIL IS A COMMON supply around Busby. This piece was created by concentrating on the model rather than the art piece itself and later shaded by Busby. *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*



CAREER LAUNCHER

Matt Busby awarded the prestigious Purchase Award

They told him it wasn't a very financially sound plan. They hinted that he should do something else. They worried when they saw what he liked to do.

But he's doing it anyway.

When Matt Busby, senior from Anthony, Kan., found himself pursuing a degree in which he lost interest, he turned to the class that he loved. "I was taking a watercolor course at the time, and I got a lot of enjoyment out of it."

So, he changed majors. And when he told his parents that the was going to be an artist, they were nervous. "They hint that they want me to be a potter, so I can make some money," Busby said. "But they are generally supportive."

After making this decision, Busby's works were regularly displayed in his mod as he threw himself into his new pursuit.

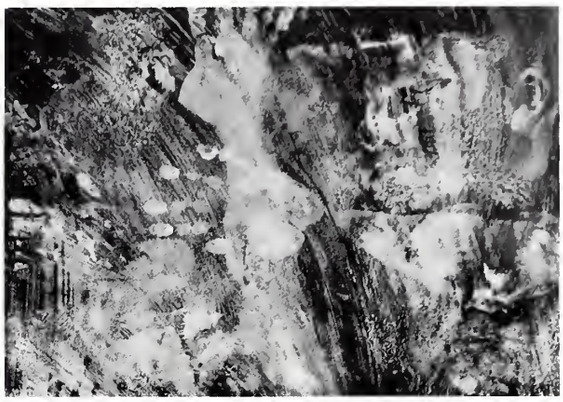
As a senior, Busby began working on monotype printmaking. He created a series of self-portraits. "A lot of times," he said, "when I am doing the work, I don't have intentions. But the piece gives off emotion."

Perhaps it was that emotion which prompted the Art Department to buy one of the prints from Busby's self-portrait series, an award granted to only one senior Art Major a year.

Associate Professor of Art, Merrill Krabill, said, "Matt is curious, which I think is the best I would ask of any student. You can see the wheels spinning in his head."

THE ARTIST, in careful consideration. Matt Busby, senior from Anthony, Kan., was honored with the much sought-after Purchase Award from the Art Department. *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*

SELF-PORTRAITS were a theme for Busby. "I worked really fast," he said. "I made lots of prints and then selected the ones that worked." *(Photo by Ha Chau)*



THE ART is the product of a process called monotype printmaking. Each piece is original as the plastic mylar sheet on which the original work is done is stamped onto a separate paper. This alters the original, making the final product the only one of its kind.

AN APPRECIATION of textures and the general composition is what Busby hopes the viewer gains from his art. *(Photo by Ha Chau)*

Hard at work
Caleb Wiebe performs for a crowd. He is a student in the Academy of Music. *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*

Recitals are opportunities for performance experience
Stephanie Krehbiel, junior for N. Newton, gives a junior recital, in preparation for her upcoming mandatory senior flute recital. *(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)*

Marles leads the choir
Professor of Music Marles Preheim directs the concert choir in addition to teaching classes. *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*

n Guild
ley King, Koji Hayakawa, Elisabeth
der, Susan Gaeddert, Hannah Neufeld,
a Schmidt, and Jason Peters.
to by Jen Stoll)

Music Academy stars
An outdoor, spring recital for young Suzuki violinists entertained parents and teachers. *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*

Music is made by all at Bethel-- even the young

Children are attending Bethel. Lots of them. Taking courses and passing tests in droves.

And it's all thanks to the Music Department and the direction of Professor of Music Donald Kehrberg. Creating the Bethel Academy of Music is an innovative method of outreach never before tried to this extent by the college.

One of the main features of the academy is the Suzuki Violin Method, taught by Brian Wiebe, Assistant Professor of Music, as well as by two apprentice teachers, Sarah Kratzer, freshman from Kidron, Ohio, and Heather Troyer, sophomore from Willmar, Minn.

This method involves teaching parents who in turn teach their children. Weibe says the theory is, "the parents will be better teachers and also be more sympathetic to the children."

As the Academy looks forward to a second successful year, the Academy personnel are hoping to gain enrollment, provide more training for the apprentice teachers, and according to Wiebe, "be more visible."

Wiebe believes the academy had tremendous value "It's a credit to Don Kehrberg that he had the vision to provide an Academy for the larger community. I think it will benefit the community, the schools, and Newton as a whole."

Applause for their prodigies
Brian Wiebe, Sarah Kratzer and Heather Troyer applaud their students at a violin recital. *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*

Music Educator's National Conference
Karl Kroeker, Marles Preheim, Nicole Unruh, Dianna Peters, and Kelly Stucky (not pictured). *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*

SAA

Student Alumni Association

Back row: Matt Watkins, Anne Brubacher, Audrey Franz, Cara Eshelman, Chris Kliewer, Travis Graber, Todd Zerger, Luke Shilts, Jay Graber, David Lynn Kaufman

Third row: Krista Voth, Lolem Ngong, Andrea Freeburne, Heather Farris, Erica Graham, Jen Scott, Brandon Siemens, Curtis Guhr, Blake Wedel

Second row: Andrea Yoder, Joanna Friesen, Audrey Gaeddert, Kim Goering, Nicole Unruh, Le Ayre Siemens, Jody Shrag, Dianna Peters

Front row: Gretchen Gering

Rhythm Squad

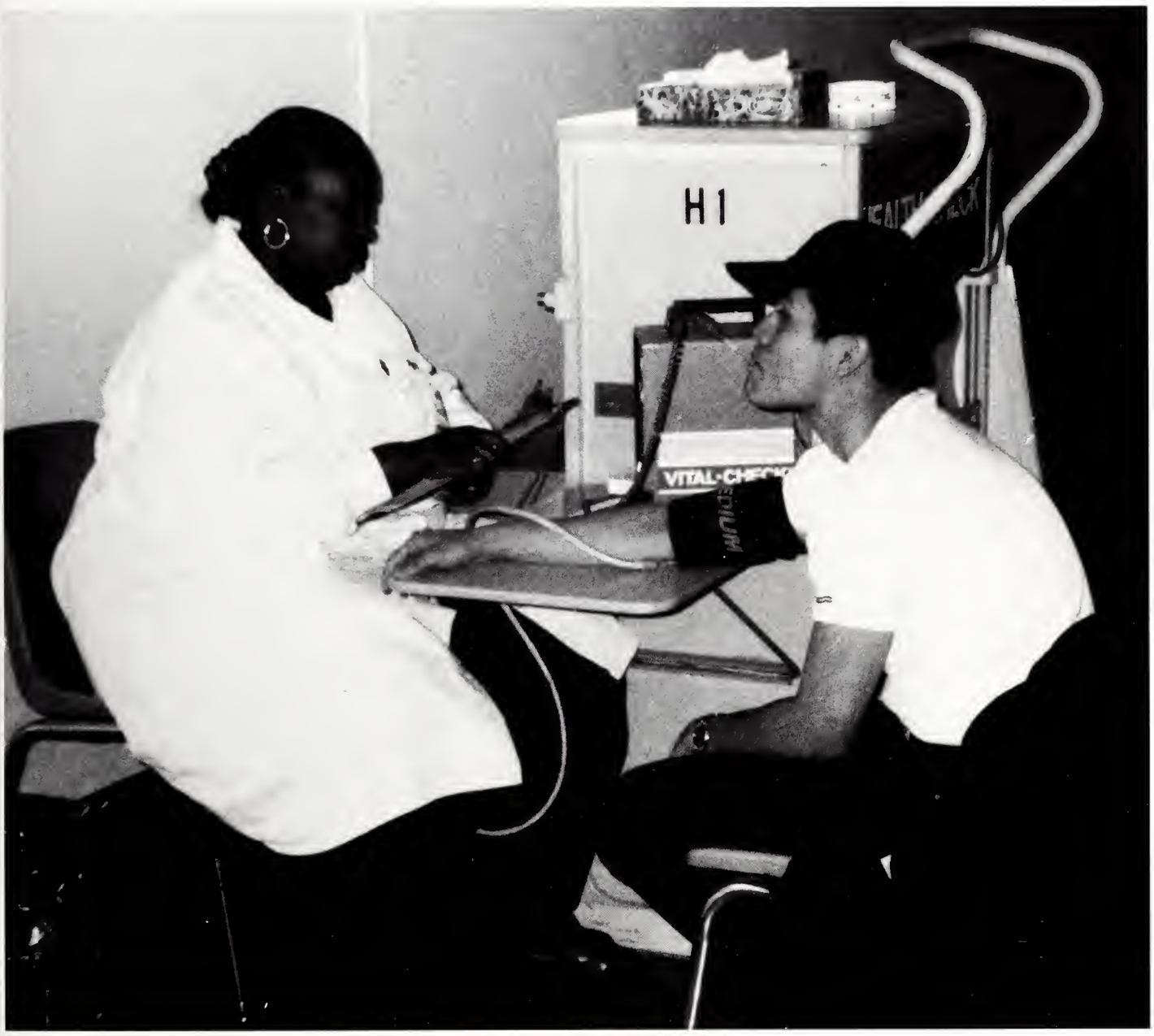
3, 2, 1...
The Rhythm Squad performs during halftimes at football games. This game is at Athletic Park.

First Stop
Bernice Jantzen strikes a pose while sitting at the registration table as a volunteer for SCAN.

Student Community Action Network

Getting Comfortable
It seems like Anna Burns has done this many times before.

Each year, SCAN provides several opportunities for students to take an active part in the community. One way is by donating blood to the Red Cross which Chino Flores says is "one of the scariest and most gratifying things you could do."



Do I really want to do this???
"I hate needles!" Gilberto Flores, a.k.a. Chino, nervously waits for his blood pressure and temperature check. This is Chino's first experience in donating blood.

The Three Stooges
(Right) Here is a trio of warm hearted fellas, James, Kirk, and Brandon at the bowling alley.
(Photo provided by Katie Etherington)

The Five Musketeers (Middle) Andrea Freeburne, Angela Farris, Cathy Schmidt, Krista Voth, Jill Schmidt.
(Photo provided by Katie Etherington)

What are you singing, Jess?
(Bottom) Jessica Hanzlicek, Sasha Siebert, Kim Roberts, Alison L. Schmidt, Tammy Ratjlaff.
(Photo provided by Katie Etherington)

Bowl For Kids' Sake

"The best part is knowing that we are doing something to help the next generation." —Chad Lehman

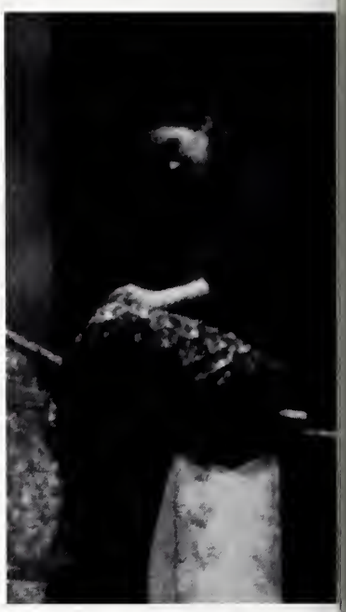
Bowl for Kid's Sake (sponsored by SAB and student services) was a fundraiser event which brought together Bethel and Hesston colleges to help Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Harvey County. Around 23 Bethel students were active in this year's event on March 15th at Eastgate Lanes. They helped raise approximately $1200 out of the $27,000 total raised. Proceeds went to helping the program.

nya Cooper and Sasha Siebert enjoy another convocation.

"It was refreshing to work with a small cast. The actors brought out the true emotions of the characters."--John McCabe-Juhnke, director

I'm Not Rappaport

Bethel College's spring drama was a performance of the 1986 winner of the Tony Award for Best Play. Herb Gardner's *I'm Not Rappaport* explores the perils of two old men--Midge Carter (Maurice Moore) and Nat Moyer (Nathan Stucky)--who find themselves in trouble with organized committees and unruly crooks while resting in New York's Central Park. Throughout the play Nat continuously fools Midge, and the audience, into believing his outrageous stories, and blurring the already thin line between fantasy and reality.



Laurie Douglas (Brooke Kennell) spen most of the play sitting on a stone handr and drawing in the middle of Central Pa In the second act, the audience discove that she owes the Cowboy thousands dollars.
(Photo provided by John McCabe-Juhnk

Nat Moyer tries to fool the Cowboy (Chris Koehn), an angry drug dealer, into believing that he is an Italian mobster.
(Photo provided by John McCabe-Juhnke)

Midge and Nat eat lunch on a park bench without saying a word to each other. Midge wishes Nat would stop annoying him.
(Photo provided by John McCabe-Juhnke)

Gilley (Cory Lamb) charges three dollars to escort people back home from the park. Those who refuse the toll are severely punished, as Nat finds out--the hard way.
(Photo provided by John McCabe-Juhnke)

After Gilley knocks Nat unconscious, Midge leans over him and calls for help.
(Photo provided by John McCabe-Juhnke)

Nat attempts to humor his daughter, Clara Gelber (Sherilyn Graber). Clara is tired of hearing about the trouble that her father gets himself into, but Nat still has the ability to make a crazy anecdote sound credible to her.
(Photo provided by John McCabe-Juhnke)

Midge talks with Kate Danforth (Angela Drier) about keeping his job as the superintendent of an apartment building somewhere near Central Park. Kate is the chairwoman of the tenants' committee and thinks that Midge is too senile to do his job.
(Photo provided by John McCabe-Juhnke)

The Latest Fad

Debra Nelson and Marla Krell give a new meaning to the word "equality" in sportscasting with the woman's point of view on some of Bethel's finest football plays of the season.

(Photo by Jen Stoll)

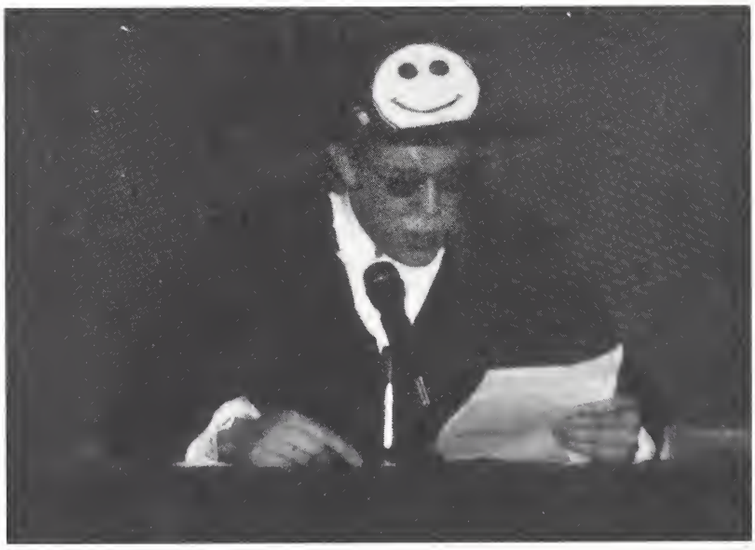
Working Undercover

Phil Stolzfus shares his discoveries on the ultra-secret Doug Seminar. *(Photo by Jen Stoll)*

The Experts

Tammy Duvanel Unruh and Bryan Reber thoroughly analyze the Presidential Address: "711 E. 6th." They were surprised that the address was what they had expected.

(Photo by Jen Stoll)



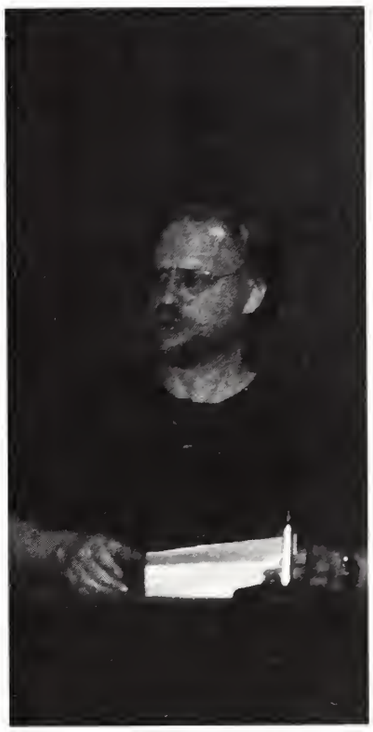
"I'm not a doctor, but..."

Dr. Red Duke gives the latest health tips for ailing students.

(Photo by Jen Stoll)

FOLLIES

THE B.W.A.G. CATCH-22 NEWS REPORTERS



The Pastor's Words
Randy Smith offers his opinion on the Presidential Address. "I think it's demonic," he says.
(Photo by Jen Stoll)

Bethel's Witty And Gritty
Gail Niles Stucky as Gail Chung and Brad Bornish (Born) co-anchor the news cast.
(Photo by Jen Stoll)

Jason Peters gives it everything he's got for the last round.

on't know what's going on, but it sure must have been funny.

Football

Season Wrap-Up

	Us	Them
Concordia College	6	18
Ottawa Univ.	16	7
McPherson College	19	13
Sterling College	17	10
Bethany College	14	54
Friends Univ.	26	21
Southwestern College	24	21
Tabor College	34	22
Kansas Wesleyan Univ.	27	6
Midland Lutheran College	7	14

Records:
KCAC: 7-1; 2nd Place
Overall: 7-3

ADVERSITY only strenthened the Bethel College football team. Under second year head coach George Papageorgiou, the Threshers finished the year with a 7-3 record, the best in a decade.

The team suffered many trials on and off the field, beginning with a season opening loss to Concordia (Neb.) College.

Two weeks later, star running back Robert Alverez, freshman from Santa Rosa, Texas, broke one of his legs in a game against McPherson College, and was out for the rest of the season.

Then, late in the season, David Castro, freshman from Socorro, N.M., was arrested for stealing a toolbox and later dismissed from school.

"There was a lot of learning and development from a young team," said Papageorgiou. "There was also a lot of senior leadership to help mature the squad early in the year."

Nine seniors led the team, including quarterback Troy Morris, from Kemp, Texas, linebacker David Arellano, from San Antonio, and cornerback Eric Peters, from Hesston.

Four juniors also made hefty contrubutions to the team. Wide receiver Brandon Carter, from Grove, Okla., led the team in receptions, with Chris Koehn, a tight end from Hesston, right behind him.

Defensive backs Floyd Roberts, from Richmond, Calif., and Matt Koontz, from North Newton, earned All-Conference Second Team Honors. Koontz was also an Academic All-Conference selection.

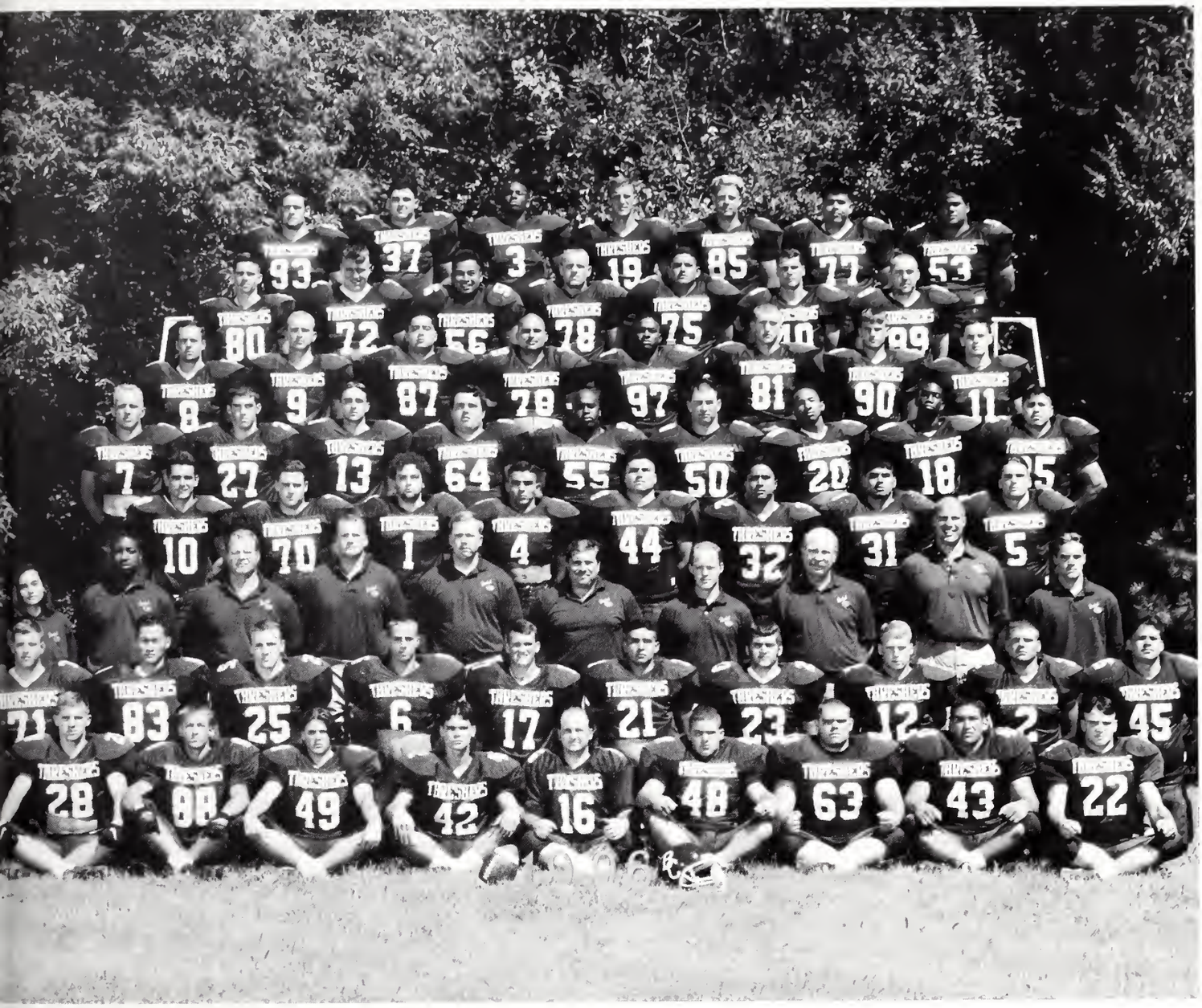
These players led the Threshers to a second place finish in the KCAC. Bethel was also in the NAIA Division II Top 25 for two weeks.

The Threshers' greatest learning experiences were several close victories. Four of the team's seven wins were by seven points or fewer. They include an overtime victory at McPherson and a suspensful fourth quarter comeback, at home, against Southwestern.

Papageorgiou credits the team's cohesiveness and unity for its success. "I can't think of any other team I've been on as either player or coach with this much caring," he said. "You could tell by the way the players respected each other."

-Daniel Macias

BLITZ
The Bethel defense jams the middle in an attempt to stop the opponent at the line of scrimmage. They were one of the best defenses in the KCAC.
(Photo by Collegian)



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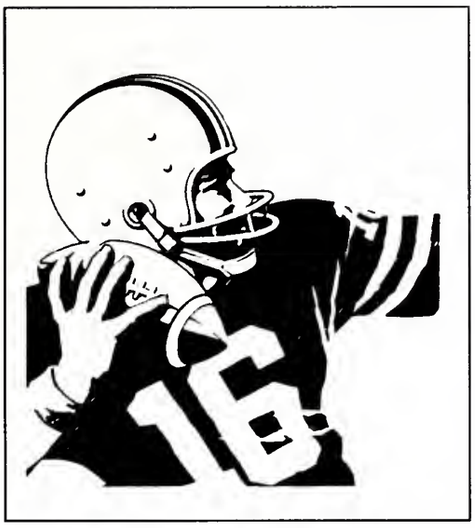
h row: Torian Keen, Mike Oakman, Anthony Valdez, John Carbajal, Alfredo Malcolm, Brandon Carter, Chris Koehn, Troy Morris
h row: Carson Kermode, Brendan Weber, Aaron Storck, Brant Wilson, Elijah Creary, Chris Edwards, Jamel Allen, Morris Milton, Ben navides
h row: Kamana Beamer, Jay Sedore, Keith Wallace, Robert Alvarez, Leo Garza, Danny Castro, David Arellano, Jay Odom
d row: Kamara Holsinger, Derrick Finley, Garret Hotmar, Scott Young, Darin Driscoll, George Papageorgiou, Dustin Miller, Jim Lewis, ott Hoberg, Billy Wiles
d row: Jason Dalton, Charles Hutton, Matt Jackson, Matt Koontz, Shelby Francis, Ed Esquivel, Brent Haneberg, Matt Wittmer, Matt altsberger, David Castro
t row: Eric Peters, Jim Fish, Matt Mahoney, Ramon Mears, Jason Hershey, Chad Ward, Aaron Craig, Ben Leading Fox, Guy Knight.
hoto provided by Matt Jackson)

DOUBLE TROUBLE
Ben Benavides and David Arellano both linebackers from San Antonio terrorized offensive lines all season.
(Photo by Allison Langston)

BREAK TIME
Xavier Guiterrez (injured) chats with fellow teammate Mike Oakman on e sidelines during a game. (Photo by Allison Langston)

PARENTS DAY
The Threshing machines stand in line with their parents before a football game at Fisher Field. *(Photo by Allison Langston)*

Football



The Thresher football team had nine seniors in the '96-'97 season. Seven of them left their final years with athletic honors.

David Arellano, junior from San Antonio, was an All-Conference First Team defender and an NAIA All-American.

Alfredo Malcolm, senior from Miami, was an All-Conference First Team Linebacker, and Jason Hershey, senior from Phoenix, was the First Team kicker.

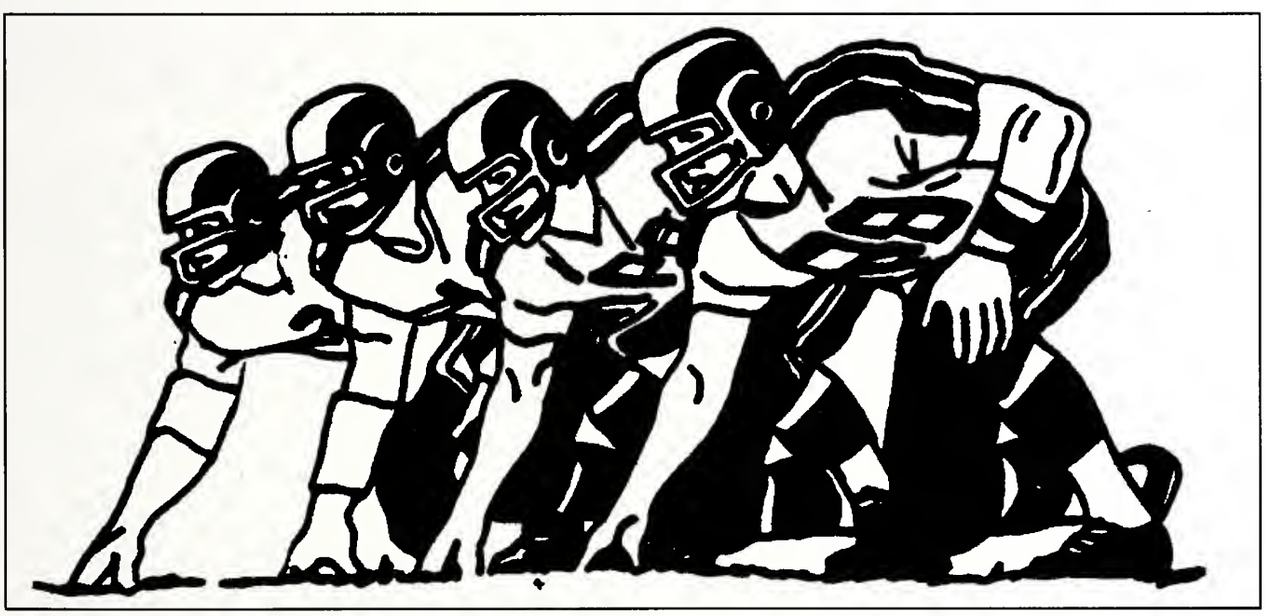
Troy Morris, senior from Kemp, Texas, was Second Team Quarterback in a conference that featured many fine quarterbacks.

Danny Castro, senior from Hesston, and Brant Wilson, junior from LaSelva Beach, Calif., were both offensive All-Conference Honorable Mentions.

The most decorated player on the football squad was Eric Peters, a senior from Hesston. Beginning his career as a freshman "gopher," Peters was both a cornerback and punt returner all four years. In his senior year he was an All-Conference Second Team returner. The NAIA honored him also, naming him the All-American Second Team punt returner.

"I grew up watching football," said Peters. "I always had to work harder to get to everyone else's level."

Peters chose to attend Bethel because of its football and track programs, and because of its academic reputation. He majored in Physics and Chemistry and minored in Mathematics. *--Daniel Macias*



Scores: 1996-97

	Us	Them
Tabor College	5	0
Oklahoma Christian	2	5
Friends Univ.	1	3
Nebraska Wesleyan	0	6
St. Mary College	2	0
Sterling College	2	0
Bethany College	6	1
McPherson College	3	0
Kansas Wesleyan	11	0
Ottawa Univ.	4	0
Friends Univ.	0	3
Central College	3	0
Tabor College	6	0
Sterling College	3	1
Bethany College	4	3
McPherson College	6	0
Kansas Wesleyan	4	0
Ottawa Univ.	4	1
Sterling College --KCAC Playoffs	1	0
Friends Univ. --KCAC Champ.	0	7
Friends Univ. --Great Plains Regional	0	1

MINE!
Senior Julie Bain-Young, from Boulder, Colo. fights for the ball at midfield. She was chosen form Academic All-Conference and All-Conference Honorable Mention. *(Photo by Scott Toerber)*

Record: 15-6
KCAC: 6-1
(2nd Place)

"CRANE TECHNIQUE"
A powerful kick from Emily Kynaston sends the ball skyward. The senior f n Hesston was both a KCAC Defensive Player of the Week and and Academic Conference selection. *(Photo by Scott Toerber)*

HOLD ON!
The Bethel defense stops another shot on goal, the hard way. THe Lady Threshers allowed only 1.48 goals per game. *(Photo by Scott Toerber)*

EPARING FOR TAKE-OFF
nomore MIchelle Schauf, from Wichita, attempts to launch the ball toward the
. Schauf was named KCAC Offensive Player of the Week in the 1996-97 season.
Lady Thresher offense was the seventeenth best in the nation with an average of
goals per game. *(Photo by Laura Hansen Schlabaugh)*

Threshers Have Big Year

After a dismal 1-3 start, the Bethel women's soccer team won 14 of the last 17 games and took second place in the KCAC.

The 15-6 record included 11 shutouts. Two of them were over arch rival Tabor College, which the Threshers outscored 11-0 in the two meetings. The final shutout came on the first game in the KCAC Tournament a 148 minute 1-0 quadruple overtime win over Sterling.

"The team finished the season on a strong note," said head coach Gerry Sieber.

EIght players won honors for their athletic play, five of which will return next year. Three players--Sophomores Monica Meyer and Jennifer Stipp, from Wichita, and senior Emily Kynaston, from Hesston--were All-Conference First Team choices.

The team earned high academic honors also. It had an avg. GPA of over 3.0 and five players won Academic All-Conference. Next year's team will have plenty of experience.

Eleven players with at least one year under their belts are expected to return. Said Sieber, "I'm optimistic that we can repeat this year's success."

)UBLE HEADER
drey Gaeddery tries to help teammate Tamara Krueger's header by going
one of her own. Gaeddert lead the nation in assists per game with 1.25.
)to by Scott Toerber)

THE TEAM
The Lady Threshers gather for a breather at half time. *(Photo by Scott Toerber)*

Scott Stuhlsatz

Some soccer fans still seem to believe that the best defensive players are the ones who do not call much attention to themselves. The quiet personality and solid play of Scott Stuhlsatz make him a perfect example of such a player. Stuhlsatz, may have one of the finest athletci careers in the brief history of Bethel soccer. Only a sophomore, the defensiveman from Wichita was chosen as the All-Conference Defensive Player of the Year and named to the NAIA Great Plains All-Region First Team.

"Scott is a very dependable, hard working player," said Gerry Sieber, Bethel soccer coach. "He is a very positive role model for his teammates."

Rarely does a sophomore become a role model. Stuhlsatz is an experienced player, however. He has played in competitive soccer for nearly 10 years, including his high school years in the very competitive Wichita City League. He attended Wichita Southwest HIgh School.

Stuhlsatz, an NAIA All-American Honorable Men tion, led a defense that allowe three or more goals in onl three games out of 22. Suc outstanding defensive play le the Threshers to the Grea Plains Regional Semi-final.

Stuhlsatz is planning to ma jor in health management with a minor in coaching.

--Daniel Macias

Getting in Shape
Scott Stuhlsatz goes for a jog around the Bethel track. ***(Photo by Katelyn Hubert)***

Jennifer Stipp

ads Up
nifer Stipp prepares to throw the ball in during a game at the hel soccer field.

(Photo by Eric Rathke, Newton Kansan)

It was in a game at Bethany College when Jennifer Stipp proved that she was the KCAC's finest goal scorer.

Bethany lead the game late in regulation time by the score of 3-2. Bethel had scored a few minutes earlier to help close a two goal gap that seemed improbable to recover.

Then, somewhere between thirty and forty yards away from the goal, Stipp received a pass near the sideline. The Bethany goalkeeper stepped away from the net, probably thinking that she could disrupt the next pass or shot. But Stipp knew exactly what to do with the ball. She sent the ballover the defense and right in the space between the goalie and the net, and at an angle that allowed the ball to roll into the net untouched. The game was then tied at three, and the game went into overtime. Bethel scored again, completing a run of three consecutive goals, and winning the game 4-3.

"She just had a knack for putting the ball int he net," said head coach Gerry Sieber about Stipp. The forward out of Wichita Northwest High School, who was the first woman's soccer player to sign a letter of intent at Bethel, scored 33 goals this season.

Her scoring ability earned her th honor of KCAC Offensive Player of the Year. Stipp was the recipient of several weekly honors. She was twice the KCAC Player of the Week and theNAIA Great Plains Player of the Week.

"She doesn't like to lose," said Sieber. "She's a fierce competitor."

Stipp is also a great competitor i the classroom. She is a pre-med major, with "aspirations of being a doctor," according to Sieber. This year Stipp was a choice for Academic All-Conference.

--Daniel Macias

Bethel Wins KCAC

The Thresher men's soccer team rebounded from a 3-3 start to become KCAC Tournament champions and advance to the Great Plains Regional Semi-finals.

Their 14 wins in the 96-97 season set a school record. THe victories included Bethel's two over Friends. The wins were the first over the Falcons in the team's history.

Ten players earned athletic or academic honors. Sophomores Scott Stuhlsatz, from Wichita, and Andres Macias, from Newton, were All-Conference First Team selections. The soccer team also had two NAIA All-American Scholar Athletes: Brian Kynaston, senior from Hesston, and Sam Heiks, junior from Appleton, Wis.

"So many people contributed so much to the team," said head coach Gerry Sieber.

Five honored players are expected to return, as well as six others with at least one year of experience. The Threshers hope to continue building a winning soccer program in the 1997-98 season.

Said Sieber, "The success we had this year was somewhat of a yardstick for years to come."

THE KICK
A powerful kick by Bryan Kyanston sends the ball sailing across the Bethel soccer field. The senior from Hesston was named the All-Conference Second Team. *(Photo by Laura Hansen Schlabaugh)*

THRESHER WALL
Defenders Scott Stuhlsatz and Bryan Kynaston, with goalie Pablo Ceres, make a stand against th Nebraska Wesleyan offense. Ceres lead a defense that had seven shutouts this season.
(Photo by Scott Toerber)

BEATING THE GOALIE
Sophomore Juan Sotelo, from Newton, shoots the ball past the goalie. Sotelo was on the All-Conference Second Team.
(Photo by Laura Hansen Schlabaugh)

AYING FOOTSIE
dres Macias (9) and Bryan Kynaston help each other fight for the ball
(Photo by Scott Toerber)

Scores: 1996-97

	Us	Them
Tabor College	0	1
Oklahoma Christian	3	1
Friends Univ.	3	2
Neb. Wesleyan Univ.	1	2
St. Mary College	2	4
Sterling College	2	1
Bethany College	2	1
McPherson College	5	1
Kansas Wesleyan	4	0
Ottawa Univ.	2	0
Friends Univ.	3	1
Avila College	0	3
Tabor College	2	1
Sterling College	2	2
Bethany College	0	1
MePherson College	3	0
Kansas Wesleyan	3	4
Ottawa Univ.	9	0
Bethany College --KCAC Playoffs	2	0
Kan. Wesleyan Univ. --KCAC Championship	2	0
National College, S. D. --Great Plains Regional	1	0
Westmar Univ., Iowa --Great Plains Regional	0	2

Record: 14-7-1
KCAC: 4-2-1 (2nd Place)
KCAC Post Season Champion

HEADER
Surrounded but in control, Juan Aguirre takes over the play by heading the ball.
(Photo by Scott Toerber)

"Return to sender"
Melisa Funk blocks a spike at a game against Friends University at Thresher Gymnasium. *(Photo provided by Melisa Funk)*

Lady Threshers in Action
Crysta Hill makes a kill on aperfect set from Melisa Funk. On the left side of the court, Nicole Johnson fakes a spike.
(Photo provided by Melisa Funk)

Young team falls short of three-peat.

VOLLEYBALL

Despite a disappointing third place finish in th KCAC, the Bethel College volleyball team had a very good season.

The Threshers finished the year with a 10-8 conference record, 21-17 overall.

In the KCAC Bethel swept Southwestern, Sterling and Tabor. The Threshers lost only three games in seven matches against the three teams.

The Threshers had an impressive non-conference regular season record of 11-6.

Non-conference victories included a thrilling four set win over the College of the Ozarks and a 16-14, 16-14, 16-14 nailbiter over Kansas Newman College.

Bethel College hosted the Great Plains Regional Tournament. BC lost three matches as the host teams, including defeats to favorites Hastings College and Doane College.

Eight lettered players will return next year including four juniors. One of those players is All-Conference First Team selection Kari Stucky from Moundridge, who was the KCAC Player of the Week twice.

Stucky also was an All-Tournament Team Selection at Nebraska Wesleyan and Missouri Valley.

The only senior on the 96-97 team was Melisa Funk from Hesston, who was an NAIA Great Plains Player of the Week and a choice for the All-Great Plains Region First Team.

"We found out that our expectations for the season were difficult to achieve," said head coach Bev Mayer, "but overall we felt that is was a successful season."

--Daniel Macias

Planning a Strategy
The Thresher volleyball team surrounds Coach Bev Mayer to plan their next m[illegible]e Melanie Wright (4) seems to be pumped up and ready to play.
(Photo provided by Melisa Funk)

Hurrah!
Teammates jump for joy after the Threshers win a game.
(Photo provided by Melisa Funk)

96-97 SCORES

	Us	Them
Kansas Newman	3	0
Bethany College	1	2
South Dakota Tech	1	2
Lindenwood College	3	1
York College	3	0
Southwestern College	3	2
Sterling College	3	1
Ottawa Univ.	1	3
Missouri Baptist	1	2
Lindenwood Univ.	3	0
Central Methodist	3	0
Mid-America Nazerene	0	3
Dana College	0	2
Concordia College	2	0
Bethany College	2	1
Doane College	0	2
Tabor College	3	0
Southwestern College	3	0
McPherson College	3	0
Friends Univ.	2	3
Bethany College	3	0
Sterling College	1	3
Kansas Wesleyan Univ.	2	3
Ottawa Univ.	3	0
Kansas Wesleyan Univ.	1	3
Rockhurst College	0	3
Tabor College	3	0
Southwestern College	3	0
McPherson College	3	0
Friends Univ.	1	3
Hastings College	0	2
Dickinson State Univ.	0	2
Doane College	1	2

Record: 21-17

KCAC: 10-8 (3rd)

The 1996-97 Thresher Volleyball Team
Back row: Sarah Bergcamp, Sarah Forrest, Melanie Wright, Cindy Hiltgen, Carrie Penner, Karlye Pope
Middle row: Nicole Johnson, Annie Greer, Kari Stucky, Melisa Funk, Karen Hill, Crysta Hill, Lana Miller
Front row: Joanna Friesen *(Photo provided by Melisa Funk)*

Melisa Funk

"I came to Bethel College because it's a small college and you can do many things," said Senior Melisa Funk at a volleyball camp in Thresher Gymnasium, where she helped Coach Bev Mayer teach young volleyball players the craft of the sport.

Very few people at Bethel have achieved as much as Funk. And she's not finished yet. In the 1997-98 year she will be a post-graduate coach under Mayer.

Funk had become a sort of phenomenon. In her senior year alone she was named the KCAC Volleyball Player of the Year and was a unanimous selection to the All-Conference First Team for both volleyball and woman's basketball.

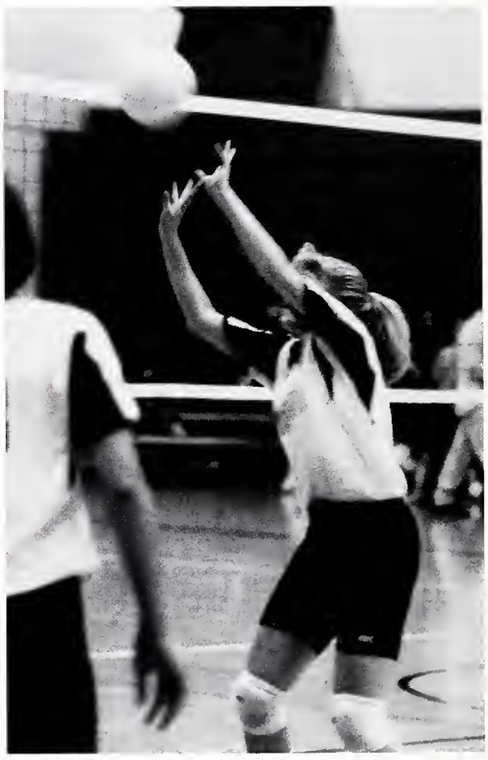
"Melisa had a phenomenal season," said Mayer. "Her leadership and athletic ability will be greatly missed."

Funk was much more than the college's most featured athlete. She was also one of Bethel's finest students. She graduated SUmma Cum Laude with a major in Natural Sciences, a grueling 40 hour interdisciplinary program that combines biology, chemistry, physics and psychology. Funk's Natural Science seminar was about Anorexia Nervosa among Mennonites.

"Bethel is a great place for academics," said Funk. She hopes to enter the medical field, concentrating on sports medicine.

Funk was an Academic All-Conference selection for both sports. During the basketball season, Funk was named NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete.

Funk's interest in sports began in her childhood. She played different games with her brother, Johnathon, at their house in Hesston. "In a small town you can do all kinds of activities. I came from a big sports family."



A League of Her Own
As the anchor of the volleyball team, Melisa shows off her usual high quality sets. She lead the team in assists per game and assist percentage consistently throughout her career. *(Photo provided by Bethel Collegian)*

Learning how to play volleyball and basketball at home gave Funk valuable experience and ability before entering the college level. She lettered all four years in both sports and was the starting setter in her freshman year.

That year Funk had 24 service aces. Several of them appeared in a game against Bethany College, where she served a 15-0 game.

Throughout her career, Funk's experiences grew larger and more significant. She lead the Lady Thresher volleyball team to back-to-back KCAC Championships in 1995-96.

In her final home basketball game Funk accounted for more than a third of the offense and Bethel won 78-70 against Ottawa University. It was a very fond farewell for this athlete.

Mayer said, "We were honored and privileged to have her in our program for the past four years."

-Daniel Macias

Deep in thought
Melisa watches the players in deep concentration.
(Photo by Ha Chau)

Renaissance Woman
Melisa sits at the end of Thresher Gymnasium, where many of her first moments at Bethel occur. She won athletic honors in each of her four years, and academic honors in her last three years.
(Photo by Ha Chau)

Honors

Junior & Senior years:

Volleyball (1995-96)
--NAIA All-American Scholar Athlete
--All-Conference First Team (Unanimous)
--KCAC Player of the Week
--Academic jAll-Conference

(1996-97)
--NAIA Great Plains Player of the Week
--All-Great Plains Region First Team
--KCAC Player of the Year
--All-Conference First Team (Unanimous)
--KCAC Player of the Week
--Academic All-Conference

Basketball (1995-96)
--All-Conference First Team (Unanimous)
--Academic All-Conference
--NAIA All-American Scholar Athlete

(1996-97)
--Academic All-Conference
--KCAC First Team (Unanimous)
--NAIA All-American Scholar Athlete
--NAIA All-American Honorable Mention

Melisa Strikes Again
Surrounded by all five Southwestern defenders, Melisa Funk tries for a layup with Kari Stucky looking for the rebound.
(Photo provided by Melisa Funk)

Shooting One
While Melisa Funk shoots a free throw, Kari Stucky and Brandi Regier stand in position for the rebound.
(Photo provided by Melisa Funk)

Women's Basketball

Although it was avery difficult season for the women's basketball team, they finished in the top half of the KCAC.

The Lady Threshers closed the year with a 7-9 conference record, taking fourth place behind traditional leaders Sterling, Bethany and Friends. The Thresher's overall record, 12-16 was a four game improvement over the year before.

The women's basketball team was one of the most successful athletic teams at Bethel academically.

Six players were named Academic All-Conference, including two NAIA All-American Scholar Athletes: Seniors Melisa Funk and Vanessa Schmidt.

Schmidt was given a KCAC Honorable Mention, while Funk was a unanimous choice to the conference's First Team.

One other player honored to the KCAC First Team was Freshman Brandi Regier. The newcomer from Turpin, Okla. was also named Co-Freshman of the Year.

1996-97 Scores

	Us	Them
Friends Univ. Classic		
Baker Univ.	57	66
Mid-America Nazerene	57	91
St. Mary's Classic		
St. Mary's College	88	73
Missouri Baptist	80	87
Kansas Wesleyan Univ.	67	63
Tabor College Classic		
John Brown Univ.	64	75
Clavery Bible College	70	52
Avila College	69	71
Tabor College	65	61
Concordia College	58	80
Southwestern College	77	57
McPherson College	53	73
Friends Univ.	74	81
Bethany College	47	65
Sterling College	69	75
Ottawa Univ.	59	58
Kansas Wesleyan Univ.	77	50
St. Mary's College	83	54
Avila College	65	58
Tabor College	72	67
Southwestern College	71	73
McPherson College	84	66
Friends Univ.	67	72
Bethany College	65	67
Sterling College	59	78
Ottawa Univ.	77	85
Ottawa Univ.	78	70
KCAC Playoffs		
Sterling College	74	93
KCAC Playoffs		

Record:
12-16

KCAC:
7-9 (4th)

Aim High
Eric Siebert sttempts to avoid a blocked shot from a Sterling College Defender. In one game against Sterling, Siebert blacked five shots. *(Photo by Eric Rathke)*

Time Out
The team gathers for a motivational speech by Coach Mark Yoder.
(Photo by Eric Rathke)

THRESHERS END YEAR WITH MANY SURPRISES

MEN'S BASKETBALL

After several mediocre seasons, the Bethel College men's basketball team was predicted to finish seventh in the KCAC by coaches and newspapers. The Threshers proved the experts wrong by winning twelve conference games and finishing with a second place tie.

Four players were honored by theKCAC. The two leaders were Senior Maros Soto from San Antonio, and Sophomore Mark Ediger from Hesston. Both players were unanimous All-conference First Team selections.

Three school records were broken in the 96-97 season, two by Soto. He set the season assist record with 175, as well as, the career record with 575. Junior transfer Eric Siebert broke the school record for blocked shots in a season with 50. He was named the KCAC honorable mention as was Junior Nathan Bailey from Watkinsville, Ga., who lead the KCAC in three point shooting at 52%.

The Bethel men's basketball team graduated two seniors. Soto and Jason Dunn from Euless, Texas lettered in all four years of their athletic eligibility.

After a successful season in 96-97, the Thresher's men's basketball team hope to combine "a solid nucleus and a good recruiting class," said Mark Yoder, to construct another excellent season for 1997-98.

SCORES: 1996-97

	Us	Them
Graceland College Tournament		
Marycrest International	76	57
Graceland College	71	82
McPherson College Classic		
Southwestern College of Ministry	84	66
Missouri Valley	91	70
Pittsburg State Univ.	66	78
Bartlesbille Wesleyan Tournament		
Bartlesville Wesleyan	68	85
Mid-America Bible	75	64
Kansas Wesleyan Univ.	60	32
Executive Aircraft Classic		
Hastings College	84	68
Denver Univ.	78	80
Tabor College	74	72
Hastings College Classic		
Hastings College	64	79
Peru State	91	84
Southwestern College	74	81
McPherson College	75	52
Friends Univ.	58	68
Bethany College	71	58
Sterling College	68	66
Ottawa Univ.	72	67
Kansas Wesleyan Univ.	74	70
Tabor College	83	87
Southwestern College	75	76
McPherson College	69	59
Friends University	64	50
Bethany College	77	72
Sterling College	78	56
Ottawa Univ.	72	61
Sterling College-KCAC Playoffs	54	66

Record: 18-10

KCAC: 12-4 (Tie for 2nd)

The Fearless One
After leading the Threshers to an eighteen win season, Mark Yoder was named KCAC Coach of the Year. The 1996-97 team was the fourth in school history to win 18 or more games in a season.
(Photo by Eric Rathke)

The Team Looks On
Restless substitutes view the action on the court. One of Bethel's strengths was the quality playing time from its bench
(Photo by Eric Rathke)

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at I liked best about this season was the team chemistry," said Coach Mark Yoder. "The kids spent a lot of time together." *(Photo by Eric Rathke)*

(Photo by Ha Chau)

(Photo by Eric Rathke)

Mark Ediger

THROUGHOUT HIS HIGH SCHOOL YEARS, Mark Ediger heard stories about his father's memorable success as a basketball player in the late 60's and early 70's. Bruce Ediger was one of several All-Conference players from Bethel at that time, and the Threshers posted many winning seasons.

Mark doesn't seem to be bothered by the pressure of being measured to his father, however.

An ankle injury that left him unable to play his second year did not stop him either. Instead, Mark has thrived on the energy of his teammates and his love for the game of basketball.

"It's been fun to play at Bethel," said the center/forward from Hesston. "We got a lot of our goals accomplished. Next year should be just as good, if not better."

The 1996-97 season was the year that Mark stepped out of his father's shadow by making memorable performances of his own. The junior was a unanimous KCAC First Team and an NAIA All-American Honorable Mention.

Mark averaged 16.6 points and731 rebounds a game, team highs for the season. His team also won 12 conference games this season, including their first wins over Friends Univ. and nationally ranked Tabor in more than a decade.

The ankle injury was a blessing in disguise for Mark. Not only did it give him a chance to play in what may be the most successful basketball seasons, but Mark also has the opportunity to enroll one more year and earn his academic goals.

He will graduate in 1998 with a degree in social work and one year of athletic eligibility remaining. Mark, therefore, plans on returning to Bethel in 1999 as a fifth year senior.

"Mark Ediger is a terrific talent," said Mark Yoder, head basketball coach. "He is going to be awfully tough in the next couple of years." Perhaps in a few years from now, people will view the trophy cases in Thresher Gymnasium and see Mark Ediger's picture next to his father's.

-Daniel Macias

Marcus Soto

BASEBALL TO THE FACE OF ARCOS SOTO may have led him to ethel College.

The point guard from San Antonio as looking toward a college baseball reer somewhere close to home. "There ere many schools in San Antonio that ere recruiting me," said Soto, "but ere were no basketball scholarships, ly baseball scholarships."

Then the baseball hit him.

The time away from the dugout that as the result of the injury to Soto's ce allowed plenty of time for basket- ll coach Mark Yoder, who learned out Soto from another San Antonio ayer, to talk to Soto about playing int guard for Bethel. That forced the o-sport star to decide whether he anted to play baseball close to home, to play basketball many miles away, d in a very different environment.

"I sat down with my family to talk out where I was going to go. They ld me I had to decide which sport I ed best."

Soto chose basketball. It was a sport bagan playing at age four at the neighborhood courts where his father loved to play.

Soto graduated from Bethel as one of the most honored basketball players in the school's history. He had been a KCAC All-Conference selection since his sophomore year. In his senior year, Soto, a unanimous choice for the KCAC First Team, was also an NAIA Honorable Mention. He shattered both the season and career assist records with 175 and 575, respectively.

Throughout his career, the statistic that may best illustrate Soto's ability is the increasing number of wins in a season. The team won five conference games in his freshman year. As a senior, Soto lead the Threshers to 12 KCAC wins and the school's fourth season with at least 18 wins overall.

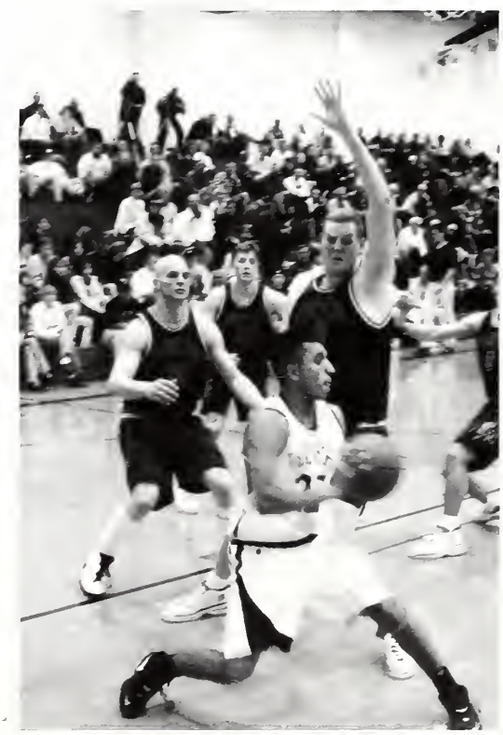
"We are really going to miss Marcos," said Yoder. "He simply refused not to give his best shot every game."

That statement describes the way Soto has lived his life. He learned from his family and from his coaches that he must carry his hard work on the basketball courts into the classroom.

Soto graduated in June 1997 with a degree in Business Administration. In the summer after his graduation, Soto was a trainee at a car dealership in his hometown.

Soto said, "I just want to be financially stable and live a happy life."

-Daniel Macias



(Photos by Eric Rathke)

Scores: 1997

	Us	Them
Washburn Univ.	5	4
Tabor College	8	1
McPherson Colleg	9	0
Sterling College	9	0
Friends Univ.	8	1
Southwestern Univ.	7	2
Bethel Invitational	First Place	
Bethany College	1	8
KCAC Championship	5	1
Brigham Young Univ.-Hawaii	3	6
Barton County Community College	9	0
Washburn Univ.	9	0
Baker Univ.	9	0
Barton County Community College	9	0
Bethel Quadrangular		
Nebraska Wesleyan	9	0
Southwestern College	8	1
Hutch. Community College	9	0
Emporia State Univ. Invitational	Second Place	
Friends Univ.	7	2
Cowley County Community College	9	0
KCAC National Qualifier Tournament	First Place	

Record: 16-2
KCAC: 8-0
KCAC Champions

National Qualifier

Back Row: Robin Tegethoff, Heather Farris, Angela Brodhagen, Libby Spencer, Russ Glaser
Front Row: Marty Ward, Keitha Malone, Susan Peschel, Jow Mason, Holly Sweatt. *(Photo provided by Schmidt Photography)*

Women's Tennis

'his year's team is one f our best ever," said 'omen's tennis coach Iarty Ward.

The 1997 women's ennis team finished the ear at 16-2 and won all ight conference games. hey finished 26th at he NAIA National ournament.

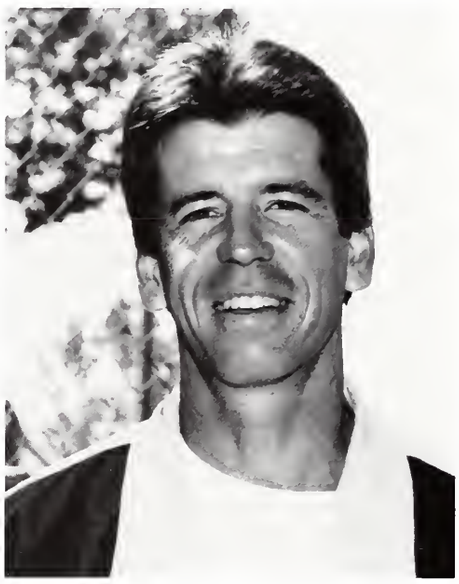
"This team set some hallenging goals and 'orked hard to have an utstanding season."

One of the teams finest wins was their season opener against Washburn University. Bethel won the dual 5-4.

The Threshers also won the Bethel Invitational and took second place at the Emporia State Invitational.

Five players won honors for Bethel. Sophomores Keitha Malone, from Coldwater, and Holly Sweatt, from Enid, Okla., were selected to the KCAC All-Conference First Team.

Senior Susan Peschel from Newton, and Freshman Angela Brodhagen, from North Newton, were All-Conference Second Team choices. Libby Spencer, sophomore from Hesston, was on the Academic All-Conference list.



Coach of the Year
Marty Ward was named Coach of the Year for the 1997 tennis season. Both his teams were undefeated in conference play.
(Photo provided by Robin Danks)

The Conference championship was Bethel's sixth in this decade.

--Daniel Macias

(Photo provided by Bethel Collegian)

Victor Gil

The Jose Higuaras Tennis Academy in Phoenix did a very poor job in finding colleges for their students. Lucky for Bethel tennis head coach Marty Ward.

"Victor should have had a lot more offers than he did,: said Ward.

Victor Gil, senior from Alicante, Spain, proved himself unstoppable in the KCAC, literally. He never lost in conference play.

Gil's overall record over four years, for both singles and doubles play, was an incredible 166-64 (72%), more matches than any other.

He also won more matches in national competition than any other player in Bethel history.

"The NAIA Tournament is a really tough tournament," said Ward, "and he beat a tough player from Peru, playing for Barton County. That was his best match."

Wins such as that one proved why Gil was twice the KCAC Most Valuable Player of the Year (he was Co-MVP in the 1995-96 year with doubles partner Jared Ward.)

(Photo provided by Eric Rathke, Newton Kans

Gil was not valuable only because of his play on the tennis court. "Victor is a very warm, friendly person. He treats everybody with respect," said Ward.

Gil, who beat players from 37 different schools, was also a success in the classroom.

Said Ward, who is also Assistant Professor in Education, "He (Gil) graduated in four years in a second language. That is tough to do."

Gil plans to attend graduate school at th University of South Florida in Tampa, Fla to earn a Master's degree in Business Administration.

-Daniel Macia

Keitha Malone

ıe eighteenth century play-
ight Henrik Ibsen said that
ıe strongest man is he who
ınds alone."

I that quote is true, than
itha Malone is a very strong
ılete.

The sophomore from
oldwater was twice a KCAC
l-Conference First Team
lection. She was ranked as
gh as 44th in the NAIA. It
as the first time a woman
nnis player from Bethel ever
d a ranking.

In her freshman year she
as the #1 singles player and
ent undefeated in conference
ay.

Malone has competed in
atches since her early child-
ood. She began playing
nnis at the age of three,
hen her father, also a tennis
ayer, taught her how to play.

In high school, Malone was
eam all by herself.

The school in Coldwater
d no tennis team. That
dn't stop the Malone from
mpeting. Her parents paid all the entry fees at high school tournaments so she could play.

Malone's performances on the courst impressed many colleges around the area, the most interesting being Bethel.

"It had the best program among all the colleges that recruited me," she said.

Malone only improved what already was a solid team. In the 1995-96 season Bethel won the Bethel Invitational, the KCAC Championship, and the KCAC National Qualifying Tournament. They also extended their conference dual winning streak to 35 meets.

This year was generally a rerun of last year. The streak still holds, now at 43 meets. The team won all four major tournaments except for the Emporia State Invitational. They took second there.

Next year Malone will hang up her tennis racket and transfer to Kansas State University, where she plans to study business.

The Undefeated
Keitha Malone took first place in the KCAC among number one singles in her freshman year.
(Photo provided by Schmidt Photography)

"I just wanted to try something different," Malone said. "But I liked the smallness of Bethel, and the people. Everyone's nice here."

-Daniel Macias

Men's Tennis

The Bethel men's tennis team may need to find a new conference, a tougher one.

The Thresher rackets continued their dominance over the KCAC with a 8-0 conference record and first place in the post-season tournament.

Swinging It
Adam Holzworth hits the ball with a strong momentum. *(Photo by Celina Wilson)*

Each player was undefeated in their conference matches.

"The men achieved very close to their potential," said head coach Marty Ward.

"Their first place finishes at the Nebraska Wesleyan Quadrangular, the Bethel Invitational, and the KCAC Tournament were great accomplishments."

The men's team was also a national qualifier.

Five players received honors in the 1997 season. Three of them--Victor Gil, Vance Van Pelt and Danny Drew--were unanimous All-Conference First Team choices.

Gil was named the KCAC Most Valuable Player. Drew was given the Sportsmanship Award.

Troy Brodhagen, junior from North Newton, was

also a First Team pick. Micha Widener, freshman from Hudson, was All-Conference Honorable Mention.

Ward was named the KCA Coach of the Year.

The conference championship was Bethel's eighth straight. In the 1990's the Threshers have never lost in conference play.

--Daniel Ma

Scores: 1997

	Us	Them
Washburn Univ.	0	9
Butler County CC	9	0
McPherson College	9	0
Sterling College	9	0
Emporia State Univ.	5	4
Nebraska Wesleyan Univ. Quadrangular		
Simpson College	5	2
St. John Univ.	5	2
Neb. Wesleyan Univ.	4	3
Barton County CC	1	8
Washburn Univ.	0	9
Baker Univ.	2	5
Friends Univ.	9	0
Sterling College	9	0
Barton County CC	2	7
Emporia State Invitational	Second Place	
Hutchinson CC	9	0
Southwestern College	9	0
Tabor College	9	0
Bethel Invitational	First Place	
Cowley County CC	2	7
Bethany College	9	0
McPherson College	9	0
KCAC Tournament	First Place	

Record: 14-6
KCAC: 8-0
KCAC Champions
National Qualifier

ıck row: Troy Brodhagen, Adam Holzworth, Danny Drew, Brian Prilliman, Russ Glaser
ont row: Michael Widener, Jason Fox, Kevin Pasteur, Vance VanPelt II, Marty Ward. *(Photo provided by Schmidt Photography)*

Track

Athletes set new standards at Bethel

Records fell like jumpers into the pits at Bethel this year. Several runners, jumpers, vaulters and sprinters contributed to what became a satisfying year in track. Shanna Unruh from Hesston and Sarah Nitzsche from West Point, Neb. broke two school field records. Unruh broke the old women's pole vault mark with a 7'9" leap while Nitzsche set the new school women's hammer throw record at 107'2". On the men's team, two athletes achieved All-American status. Junior Brandon Carter from Grove, Okla. continued improving on his times in the 110m high hurdles to earn a fourth place finish at the NAIA National Meet with a mark of 52.61, Senior Eric Peters broke his old record in the pole vault with a 15'9" mark at the national meet, which landed him a fifth place finish.

SHOT PUT
What must be going through his mind? Freshman Robert Shipley from Lebo prepares for another put on the Bethel practice field. Shipley took sixth place at the ACCK track meet with a 38' heave. *(PhotobyEric Rathke, Newton Kansan)*

Team standings at selected outdoor meets:

ACCK Championships
Men--1st
Women--5th

KCAC Championships
Men--4th
Women--5th

Mid-States Championships
Men--9th
Women--16th

NAIA Championships
Men--29th (tie)

SPRINTS
Approaching the finish line is Erica Coulter, freshman from Wichita, who scored 20 points individually at the ACCK meet. She was also a member of the 4x100m relay team that took second at the meet.
(Photo by Celina Wilson)

WOMEN'S POLE VAULT
Sophomore Sanna Unruh attempts to lift herself over the bar. Unruh set a new school record in the pole vault at 7'9".
(Photo by Celina Wilson)

HIGH HURDLES
Elevating over the hurdle, freshman Naomi Steinenetze from McPherson makes a practice run on the new Bethel track. She took second in the 100 meter high hurdles at the ACCK meet.
(Photo by Celina Wilson)

STEEPLECHASE
All Conference selection Senior Brad Quiring "gets his feet wet" in the 3000 meter steeplechase. This race combines long distance running with hurdles.
(Photo by Celina Wilson)

AVELIN THROW
Left) Practicing his form (and making sure o one gets hurt) Preston Barger, sophoore from Sedgwick, improves his skills at rowing the javelin.
(Photo by Celina Wilson)

LONG JUMP
William Barnes (above) takes a leap into the pit. His longest jump of the year was at 19'5".
(Photo by Celina Wilson)

Eric Peters

THE POLE VAULTER
The legendary Eric Peters watched a teammate perform the pole vault during a home meet.
(Photo by Celina Wilson

The adrenaline must have been flowing madly through Eric Peters at the 1996 National Indoor Track Meet. To keep up with the rest of the competition, the senior pole vaulter from Hesston had the bar set at the height of 16'1". The result was Peters' favorite moment in his college career.

"I cleared it by about a foot," said Peters. "I was pumped after that."

Peters rewrote the men's pole vault section of Bethel's school record book. His final revision was written at his last meet, the NAIA Championship in Georgia, where his 15'9" mark was good enough for a fifth place finish.

That was the third time Peters earned the NAIA All-American honor for the pole vault.

"I like telling people that because it sounds like a big deal," he said.

What is also a "big deal" in that Peters is a four time KCAC pole vault champion.

"It's harder than anything," Peters said about the event. "You have to be quick, fast and strong." Peters proved that he possessed those qualities, even though it took awhile.

His marks in the pole vault were not absolutely stellar, but they were good enough to win the KCAC.

"I just kept sticking with it." Peters said.

The next year he set the pole vault record at 15', and at 15'7" in his junior year.

In total, Peters is on five All-American lists, one as a punt returner, one as a cornerback, and three as a pole vaulter.

Peters was also successful in the classroom. With the help of his coach, professor, and friend, Tracy Tuttle, Peters' academic performance led to a job at a government research institute in Kansas City, MO. He graduated in 1997 with a degree in Physics and Chemistry.

--Daniel Macias

PRACTICING MAKES PERFECT
Eric Peters makes pole vaulting look easy while practicing during track season at Bethel
(Photo by Scott Toerber)

Julie Bain-Young

The 1996-97 year was a fun year for Julie Bain-Young. The senior from Boulder, Colo. earned athletic and academic honors in both soccer and track.

Bain-Young was named Academic All-Conference for both seasons. In soccer she was once the KCAC Defensive Player of the Week.

She was part of a defense that allowed three or more goals in only five games. At the end of the soccer season she was an All-Conference Honorable.

As a sprinter, Bain-Young ran three events: the 100 and 200 meter dashes, and the 4x100 relay.

"I love to run relays," said Bain-Young. "It was great that we had enough sprinters this year to make a relay team."

That team took second place at the ACCK track meet. It's best time of the year was clocked at 52.42.

Sprinter and Defensive Player
Julie Bain-Young was an Academic All-Conference selection for both soccer and track in the1995-96 year.
(Photo provided by Schmidt Photography)

Bain-Young spent her freshman and sophomore years at Hesston College. She transferred to Bethel to major in Health and Physical Education.

She plans to graduate after the January Interterm in 1998.

--Daniel Macias

Baseball

"We didn't win anything, but overall it was a pretty fun year," said Chris Koehn, junior from Hesston, and one of the players on the Bethel baseball club. The group happily struggled through its third year, losing all nine games.

Bad weather, lack of practice facilities, shortage of pitching staff and other intangibles were culprits toward a short and winless season. Such problems are common ailments when a club team faces a schedule of varsity programs.

Games that were rained out were not rescheduled. The practice field had a small backstop made from chain-link.

Players practiced no more than an hour and a half a day. Nothing as serious as the two to three hour practices that Bethel's sponsored sports teams have.

In the winter, pitchers, the few that the Threshers had, threw from a plywood mound in the back of Memorial Hall.

"Many teams don't want to play a club because the game doesn't count," said Koehn. He was a member of the varsity team at Hesston College during his freshman and sophomore years.

Hesston won two games over Bethel by scores of 8-1 and 5-2.

"At Bethel you don't have the professional feeling," said Koehn. "At Hesston, you play to win. We (Bethel) just had fun out there."

-Daniel Macias

Heads Up
A Hesston player ducks beneath a Bethel pitch (*Photo by Celina Wilson*)

Strike!
Junior Chris Koehn begins to wind up for a pitch at the Bethel practice field. Koehn played at every position for the Threshers baseball club. (*Photo provided by Bethel Colleagian*)

Crashing Home
A Bethel player slides into home, beating a throw from the Hesston fielders. The Threshers scored only three runs in two games against the Larks. *(Photo by Celina Wilson)*

ethel Baseball – rounding the bases for a "safe" call at home.

OPENING UP

We are blessed to be presented with opportunities that enable s to keep perspective. Our campus is graced by 34 international students from all over the world who would love to share with us their different experiences and traditions. --Kathy Harder-- Together, we must take up arms against this apathy. Together, we can spread the glee.--Kirsten Blosser-- In this community, we must recognize the importance of interdependence, not within groups, but between groups. We are but small twigs. Apart, we are easily broken. Together, we are unbreakable.--Ross Musselman-- I think maybe that the secret of surviving college, as with much of life, is being able to let time work it's magic, and learn as you go.--Sarah Kratzer-- In Bethel's community, we should be able to associate with everybody. The only thing we can do is keep an open mind and an open heart. --Brent Haneberg--

MEETING PLACE Old and new relationships are found at this place dedicated to the prospect of allowing all who come to Bethel to *Open Up.*

FACULTY OPENNESS It has often been noted that open faculty relationships spur open relationships among students.

)ME AND DINE One of the best places for *ening Up* is at the dinner table, where diverse ıversations abound.

Susan Gaeddert and Brooke Kennell negotiate some library procedures.

lvis Presley visits the Bethel Campus, much to the excitement and joy of the student body.

A peaceful day on the Bethel green.

The Final Word

As many of you know, there has been trouble establishing a credible yearbook in the past few years. In an effort to add to the credibility of this publication and to document the history of this year. I chose to delay the yearbook instead of rushing to produce a poor product. For the delay, I apologize. For the quality of the yearbook, I am proud.

This is a publication and a part of Bethel that needs to be recognized for its importance. It is said that the true value of this book will not be realized at the time it is received. We can only really appreciate the yearbook at times in the future, when we are grasping to find a bit of familiarity to hold on to.

Because of the tremendous efforts of a few individuals, I trust that you will be able to find familiart in the faces of old friends and the memories of times that should never be forgotten. Please take time out of your schedules to recognize th contributions of Katelyn Hubert, photo editor, who spent Thursday evening in the Journalism Lab, developing the many photos she took throughout the rest of the week; Ha Chau, who withstood muy horrible lessons on how to index, how to lay out a spread, and how to place clip art; Daniel Macias, who is primarily responsible for gathering photos and writing stories for the Sports section, as well as contrbuting to the yearbook as a whole.

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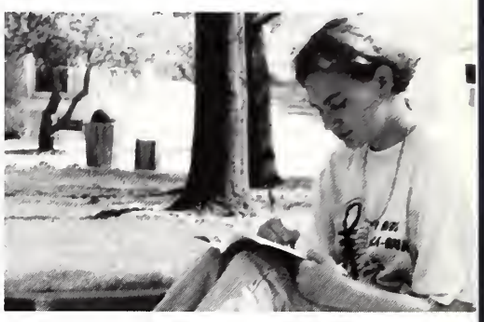
I accepted the position of editor-in-chief of the yearbook at the end of my freshman year. My expectations were high. So they remain. I have been told I am idealistic. Maybe so. Idealism achieved is realism.

Looking forward to the 1998 yearbook!
Jen Stoll
Editor-in-Chief

Ha Chau Photographer, section editor, saint

Jen Stoll Psychotic Editor-in-Chief



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Bethel Alumni open doors to their futures